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Plunge of Yen Raises Fears of **New Shock for** South Korea

Flood of Cheaper Exports Could Be Used by Japan To Revive Economy, Seoul Says

By Don Kirk

SEOUL — The steady depreciation of the yen raised fears here Tuesday that Japan was intent on salvaging its sinking economy by increasing exports with a cheaper currency, undermining South Korea's major industries in the process.

The impact of depreciation is enormous for us, said kim Chang Roh, director of export policy at the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Energy. He predicted that South Korean exports would fall by \$1.9 billion this year if the won remains at its current level.

The Japanese government is now seeking to boost the Japanese economy through increasing said Ohn Ki Un, senior research fellow

Clinton confident Kim can lead recovery. Page 6. China's central hank warns that yen has severe impact on trade. Page 13.

at the Korean Institute of Industrial Economics and Trade, a government research organization. A sharp decrease in the Japanese yen will kill Korean industry.

Mr. Ohn's remarks reflected what appeared to be a common view among South Korean officials and executives after the dollar rose Monday above the 140 yen harrier, pushing the yen to a seven-year low. The dollar remained above 140 yen Tuesday, and analysts here predicted it would rise to 150 yen by the end of the summer and 170 yen by late autumn.

Virtually all South Korean industries compete directly against the Japanese in a kind of Davidversus-Goliath rivalry in which South Korea, a Japanese colony for 35 years notil the end of World War II, has successfully challenged Japan in countries around the world, particularly in North America, Europe and Southeast Asla.

Now South Koreans see the hard-won gains of the past decades of competition with the Japanese evaporating with every move downward

of the Japanese yen.

"The export of motor vehicles falls 1.6 percent when the yen depreciates by 1 percent," said Mr. Kim of the Ministry of Commerce. 'Japanese car companies are much higger and

compete directly with Korean companies perceived mysterious forces at work in Japan to undermine South Korean industry. "I can guess that is happening, but I cannot prove it," he said. "I do not have the evidence."

He said, however, that "the depreciation of the Japanese yen is caused by the weakening of the

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World Cup Scores One for French Discretion

Instead of Boosterism, **Grace and Measure**

> By John Vinocur International Herald Tribuna

PARIS - At the edge of the Luxembourg Gardens, where the French Senate's Medicis palace and the Theatre de l'Odeon meet the acres of oaks and pink plantings at the end of the Rue de Conde, there is a newspaper kiosk.

At about 12:30 Monday afternoon, the woman who runs it was eating an apple. A regular customer, asking for l'Equipe, the national sports newspaper, was told it was sold out. Special edition? he asked. Why? she said.

Because of the World Cup."

"Ah, oui." the woman said, the all the sunshine, with her apple, surrounded by so much Art, Beauty and Power, it took a second or two to make the connection with the mundane.

As if an instinctive rejection of boosterism were a failing, some have found room for mild reproach in the nonhysteria that surrounds the coming of the World Cup to France on Wednesday. No flags on the Senate and, across the street, no pick-the-top-goal-scorer pools in the Cafe de Toumon, where James Baldwin once hung out. In a country that invented the word chauvinism, the absence of sports tyranny, of having to love it, gives the French version of the great soccer compension a framework of grace and measure that may put off the outsider who

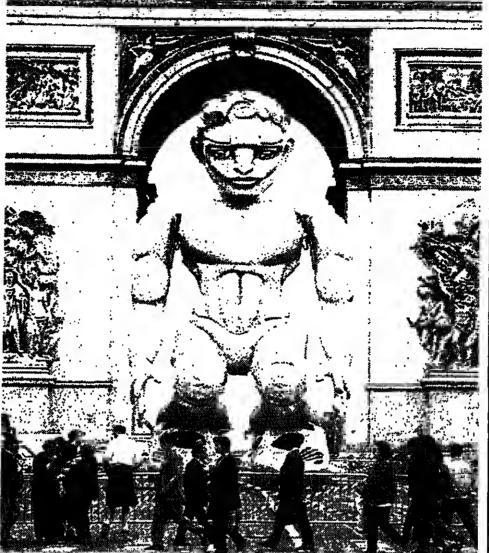
craves enforced exuberance.

Michel Plntini, the French soccer legend who is president of the organizing committee with its 2.4 hillion franc (\$400 million) hudget, explained the mentality this way:

"Don't count on me to go into your neigh-borhood to organize dancing in the streets. Not everybody feets involved. The Ministry of Culture, for example, couldn't give a damn. We've gol no relations with them. So, it's true, in many places nothing is planned. In others, a lot of money has been invested."

The fact is, although hillioos will watch the

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A giant plastic statue waiting at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris on Tuesday to be towed in the parade that opened the World Cup soccer tournament. Play starts Wednesday.

At Paris's Kickoff Fete, Flags, Kilts and Giants

By Anne Swardson

PARIS - Four 20-meter-high giants glided down the boulevards of Paris on Tuesday night as the city kicked off a hoge street parade in celebration of the World Cop soccer tournament beginning Wednesday.

Flag-waving Brazilians in yellow team shirts and Scots in kilts mingled happily along the tos of each other, in preparatioo for the opening match Wednesday between the two countries at the new 80,000-seat, \$500 millioo Stade de France in the northern suburbs.

The locals, meanwhile, marked the occasion in typical national style. Air France pilots remained on strike for a ninth day Tuesday. Drivers of armored trucks went on strike, rais-

cash and close. Bus drivers in Bordeaux and train conductors oo southern lines from Paris geared up for strikes this week.

We hope that because of the World Cup the stakes will be raised," one striking armored van driver said oo French television. "It's sad, but that's the way it is.' Of a dozeo knots of Brazilian and Scottish

fans along the Champs-Elysees, none reported "We'd swim the Channel to get here," ooe

When France won the World Cup in 1988,

the plan was to make the soccer tournament a party, and a party it is. The 32 participating countries are celebrated in special exhibitions in the Metro and on 32 grands boulevards, where, among other events, 32 phone booths

ing fears that bank hranches would run out of have been refitted to represent the nations

The Louvre has an exhibit of sporting art in ancient Greece, and the Three Tenors will sing under the Eiffel Tower on July 10. Robot soccer players will compete at the science museum. France's latest fashion, the Internet, is on display at computers at all 10 game sites

Paris has been preparing for the parade of the seoting a different corner of the earth, for two years. In the last week, 20,000 barriers were placed along the parade rontes, bus shelters were removed from curbsides, and trees were trimmed to make sure they were not hrushed by the shoulders of the 38-metric-too giants.

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Foes of Junta In Nigeria Reject Further Military Rule

Abacha Aide Succeeds Him; Dissidents Plan to Go Ahead With Protests Set for Friday

By James Rupert

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Nigeria's pro-emocracy political movement vowed Tuesday to reject a new military leader to succeed General Sani Abacha and pledged to begin protests Friday to force a return to civilian rule

A day after General Abacha died of a reported heart attack, the military leadership offered little hint of how it might handle the demands that it leave power. General Abdusalam Abubakar, whom top officers immediately elected to succeed Geoeral Abacha, avoided the topic in a hrief inauguration speech Monday.

Air Vice Marshal Isaac Alfa said Tuesday in

Abuja that the new military government would retain the Oct. t date set by General Abacha for a return to civilian rule. But General Abacha's 'transition process'' to civilian government was

Abacha's Billions in Bribes and Kickbacks

seen almost universally in Nigeria as a device to keep him in power, and the military has offered

oo suggestion that it might give up any power.
"This is a tough, first question" for the new leadership, a Western diplomat in Nigeria said. "If they are reaching agreement on how to

approach it, they're keeping it hidden."

Before General Abacha's death, the pro-democracy movement had choseo Friday as the date to renew public protests against his effort to

Friday is the anniversary of the presidential elections in 1993 that appeared to make a busi-oessman, Chief Moshood Ahiola, the president-

elect of a new civilian government. The military leadership, surprised by the victory of a man they disliked, scuttled the elections, canceled the promised return to civilian rule and later jailed Chief Ahiola for claiming to

be Nigeria's legitimate leader. The fate of Nigeria does not rest in the hands of the military, and it cannot rest in the hands of any military adventurer who may oot have understood that the age of military dictatorship in Nigeria is over," declared a statement hy the Civil Liberties Organization, a leading pro-degerians to turn out for street protests Friday to press the military for an immediate handover of power to a "government of national unity" to be headed by Chief Ahiola.

"The time to heighten the momentum, rather than relaxing in the belief that divine inter-

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Yeltsin-Kohl Agreement

2 Vow to Cooperate on Economy and Kosovo

By Alan Cowell
New York Times Service

BONN - After a day of talks, President Boris Yeltsin of Russia and Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany traded vows of snpport on Tuesday regarding Russia's economic crisis and the bloodshed in Serhia's Kosovo Province.

While German officials seem increasingly inclined toward charting a military opoon in Kosovo to deal with Serbian attacks against rebellious ethnic Alhanians, Mr. Yeltsin affirmed Russia's opposition to a NATO deploy-

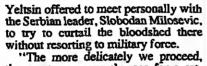
Such action, he said, could "destabilize the situation in the Balkans, with unforeseeable consequences for all of

Instead, Russian officials said, Mr.

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the greater are our chances for a set-tlement of the conflict," Mr. Yeltsin said. It was not clear when the encounter would take place. NATO defense ministers are to meet

in Brussels on Wednesday to discuss the fighting in Kosovo, which has caused deep concern here about a likelihood of waves of refugees flooding Western Germany admitted hundreds of thou-

sands of refugees during and after the Bosnian war and makes no secret of its aversion towards providing shelter for more Balkan fugitives. Volker Ruehe, the German defense

minister, said Tuesday that it was crucial for the NATO ministers to examine military plans to augment economic and political pressures on Mr. Milosevic.
For his part, Chancellor Kohl told a joint news conference with Mr. Yeltsin

that Germany — Russia's higgest trade partner and creditor — would offer "decisive support" for Moscow as it seeks to contain a spiraling economic crisis and pursue ecocomic reform. These measures contribute signif-



President Yeltsin getting some help Tuesday from Chancellor Kohl to adjust an earphone during a news conference after their discussions.

Both German and Russian officials

ruled out any further injection of German mooey, saying Mr. Kohl's backing for Moscow's reform measure was

icantly to increasing the confidence of foreign investors," the German chan-support, as a major international politsupport, as a major international polit-

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ical figure, is important to demonstrate that our policies are correct," Mr. Yeltsin sald.

Charged With Corruption By David Hoffman Washington Post Service The case comes at a time of continuing fragility and uncertainty in the Russian financial markets, which have

Russian Statistics Chief

MOSCOW - In an unusual corruption case, the chief of Russia's oational statistics agency, which provides policymakers with information about the economy, has been accused of fixing data to help companies avoid taxes and of selling confidential information about businesses to their competitors, officials announced Tuesday.

Yuri Yurkov, head of the State Statisócs Comminee, known as Goskomstat, was taken into custody Monday evening, along with several deputies. The authorities said that they had found more than \$1 million in cash in a search of Mr. Yurkov's apartment and that he was the head of an organized ring distorting records and selling information from the agency.

If the charges are true, it could mean that key data about Russian industries and tax collection have been skewed.

In theory, the distortions could affect a whole range of assumptions about such things as car imports, personal income and the health of key sectors of the economy. But some experts said the precision of Goskomstat reports was already in doubt.

been hit in recent weeks with a wave of investor flight and panic. This week, the markets have been waiting for the outcome of talks in Paris on a possible international financial package to support Russia. Also, a closely watched weekly anction of government securities is set for Wednesday. There were fresh signs of concern Tuesday as Standard & Poor's Corp.

downgraded long-term Russian credit, following similar actions by other credit agencies. In Washington, Stanley Fischer, first deputy managing director of the In-ternacional Monetary Fund, said the

Fund was in "exploratory" talks with Russia about a new financial package but "at the moment the market has stabilized, and we don't see the need." Financial markets have been watchiog for a signal that an international aid package is imminent, given Russia's

low reserves and its growing burden of short-term debt. Even before the detention of its chief.

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Canceled Visit Sets Back Koreas' Ties

By Nicholas D. Kristof New York Times Service

TOKYO --- North Korea called off a planoed visit by Japanese-born women to Japan on Tuesday, in a sign of steadily worsening relations between the two

North Korea's announcement, along with a series of denunciations of the "Japanese reactionaries" and their "despicable smear campaign" against the Communist government in the North, apparently marked a suspension of a program begun last November to allow 1,800 Japanese-born women livmarried ethnic Korean men in Japan and moved with their husbands to North Korea in the 1960s, then disappeared More broadly, the announcement

seemed to mark at least a temporary setback in the process of huilding ties between North Korea and its neighbors to coax it out of its isolation.

Japan is crucial to any effort to draw North Korea into the international economy, and the plan to allow the Japaneseborn women to visil Japan had been regarded as a major step in huilding trust between the two countries. Bul Japanese officials said that they did not

"This announcement came all of a sudden, and we find it regrettable," said Sadaaki Numata, the chief Foreign Ministry spokesman.

The North's official Korean Central News Agency said that the visits were called off because of "artificial hurdles" and "inhuman acts on the Japanese side."

North Korea did not specify what these were, but the suspension came after Japanese officials again raised the case of at least 10 Japanese who officials in Tokyo say were probably kidnapped by North Korean agents and taken to North Korea over the years. The

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Goskomstat's reports were controver-

Air France Pilots Refuse to Suspend Strike

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PARIS (Reuters) — Striking Air senseless," said Christian Paris, a rance pilots rejected a plea from one spokesman for the main pilots union, France pilots rejected a plea from one of their smaller unions, SPAC, on Tuesday to suspend their protest and allow the airline to fly for the World Cup, but they said they were prepared any time." to resume talks.

'It is out of the question to end the strike, so the idea of a moratorium is

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1,100 pilots, another union official said, "We are ready to negotiate at Related article, Page 5. Books. Crossword... Page 17. Pages 8-9.

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Nigerian Oil Corruption Began at the Top

graft to key supporters, "Abacha has increasingly monopolized the trade himself," said John

Bearman, an oil industry analyst based in Lon-

don. "There is no deal that does not go through

Under General Abacha, corruption took Ni-

geria further into economic collapse than ever before. Besides the collapse of the fuel distri-

bution system, the telephone network is decaying

and the electricity grid is failing. Almost no part

of Lagos gets electricity all day and vast tracts of

Analysts estimate the unemployment rate to

be at least 25 percent. Millions of Nigerians

survive on ingenuity and doggedness as street vendors, curbside fix-it men, prostitutes and

Nigerians and international economists say

that General Abacha appears to have hidden his wealth well. Nigerian journalists who have in-vestigated corruption say he appears to have had

particular husiness interests in the Gulf region.

Much of the oil that Nigeria pumps each day goes to the major international oil companies—Shell, Mobil, Chevron and others—that operate

the oil fields. But the largest single share goes to

Nigeria's state oil company, which, under the direction of General Abacha's camp, sells its oil

According to official announcements of oil

sales and reporting by the London-based oil

newsletter Energy Compass. Nigeria's main trad-

ing partners in the Abacha era have been Britain-

Ibrahim Babangida, "doled out the contracts" to

a wide circle of supporters, allowing them to take

commissions from oil traders, said Patrick

Smith, editor of the newsletter Africa Confid-

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based companies and a Swiss-based one.

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By James Rupert
Washington Post Service

BIDJAN, Ivory Coast - In nearly five secretive years in power in Nigeria, General Sani Abacha built a reputation for authoritarian, sometimes brutal rule. He was less known for overseeing a web of corruption that Nigerians and oil industry sources say plundered billions of dollars from his

General Abacha died Monday at age 54. While he ruled Nigeria from a fortified presidential villa in the capital, Abuja, the sources said that he and a circle of aides and business partners tapped virtually away stage of the cil business. virtually every stage of the oil business. It is Nigeria's most important industry and the source of 80 percent of its government revenue.

According to the sources, they took kickbacks

from foreign companies for licenses to search for oil in the basin and delta of the Niger River and offshore. They also got bribes from construction companies that won contracts to build drilling rigs and pipelines.

And, in a business that generated a daily river of cash, General Abacha and several associates su-pervised every sale of Nigerian crude by the stateowned oil company, the sources said, sluicing off. an unknown percentage of the \$10 billion a year that the country earns on average in oil sales.

In recent years, General Abacha, his allies and top officials added a new form of corruption that is killing the economy - the siphoning of money used by Nigeria's oil refinerles to turn crude into gasoline. Finance and Oil Ministry officials argue openly in the national press over who is responsible for diverting more than \$2 billion from the four state-owned refineries in recent years, but the refineries' ruin creates an artificial fuel shortage for the nation of more than 100 million people.

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IGERIA IS thus forced to import refined fuels, such as gasoline, and, traders say, General Abacha and his cronies controlled that trade too, skimming off a percentage. The government subsidizes the sale price of gasoline and other fuels, but Abacha loyalists among the officer corps and civil service divert much of the available supply to sell on the black market or to neighboring countries. The fuel shortage has forced the economy into near-depression, leaving millions of neonle poorer and sicker.

people poorer and sicker.

'In Nigeria, corruption isn't part of govemment, it's the object of government," said a Nigerian political scientist who asked not to be identified. For 28 of the 38 years since Nigeria gained independence from Britain, the country has been ruled by the military, and Nigerians say corruption has grown steadily. For the last two years. Transparency International, a Berlinbased organization that monitors corruption, has conducted surveys of businessmen that have ranked Nigeria as the world's most corrupt place

to do business. Since the growth of the country's oil industry in the 1970s, military rulers have controlled the trade. But whereas earlier rulers doled out the

Bordeaux Vintner

Denies Accusation

PARIS - A prestigious Bordeaux

wine house denied Tuesday that it added

sugar and water or acid to some vintages

disclosures last week that its wine ex-

pert, Regis Froidefond, and a former

director, Jean-Micbel Ferrandez, had

been placed under investigation on sus-

popular wines grown in the commune of

Margaux, one of the Bordeaux region's

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When the Gulf War in 1991 drove oil prices upward, Nigeria earned a windfall that never made it to government coffers. Soon after he took power in 1993, General Abacba named a commission beaded by a Nigerian economist, Pius Okigbo, to investigate. Mr. Okigbo reported that \$12.2 billion in oil earnings had disappeared between 1990 and 1994, but no one was ever

prosecuted. The former trader, a European, said he parncipated in three oil purchases in recent years technically from Nigeria's state oil company but negotiated with Abacha aides at the presidential villa. Each contract specified a "commission" to be paid to a specific beneficiary, he said.

He declined to name the beneficiaries on the contracts be had helped negotiate. He said other traders had noted that sometimes the beneficiary was a well-known Nigerian and at other times "it's a completely unknown person" who traders say was a front for someone else. He said the contracts he dealt with ordered that the commissions be paid to bank accounts in Singapore, Bermuda and Switzerland.

ICKBACKS PAID by traders are so high that they "can't make a profit selling the oil on the spot market," selling the oil on the spot market, and Mr. Bearman, the analyst in London. Instead, he said, "they make their money by housing huge quantities of crate using it to buying huge quantities of crude, using it to manipulate the futures market."

The trade in refined products is even more corrupt, sources said. The government is deliberately keeping our own refineries shut down and starying our economy for fuel," said a Nigerian oil industry analyst in Lagos who spoke on condition he not be identified.

Nigerian journalists, who often are jailed for reporting on corruption, are careful about what they publish. A trade journal, Nigeria's Oil and

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NIGERIA ·

General Sani Abacha arriving in Freetown, Sierra Leone, during a March visit. The ruler of Nigeria, who died Monday, is accused of being at the head of a vast web of corruption involving the oil industry in his country.

Gas Monthly, noted that the had government announced plans to spend \$600 million to import refined fuels between January and September. "Less than half of that amount would have breathed life into two of the four" Nigerian

refineries, it said. The fear, as always, is that those who perennially benefit" from the refineries' poor state, the journal said, "will do and pay everything to ensure that the status quo remains.

NLIKE MOBUTU Sese Seko, the Zairian strongman who flaunted palaces and villas he . owned throughout Europe and elsewhere before his death last August, General Abacha revealed no foreign assets. But in Abnja, Nigerian journalists and business sources said the Abacha family is known to own numerous businesses

General Abacha's oldest son, Ibrahim, was the family's main business manager until he was killed in a plane crash in 1996, the sources said. They added that an example of the privileges accorded General Abacha and his business partners is the story of Delta Prospectors Ltd., a company that Ibrahim Abacha helped set up. Delta mines barite, a mineral that is a source of barium and an essential material for oil production.

This spring shortly after Delta announced that its operations had reached full production, the government banned the import of barite, making the Abacha-owned company the monopoly provider for the huge Nigerian oil industry.

Nigerian journalists and business sources in uia and the northern city of Kano said the Abacha family keeps palatial private residences in both. The family's home in Kano is concealed behind fences and armed guards and "is truly opulent and speciacular," said a source who visited it a few years ago.

Both Ethiopia And Eritrea **Hurl Blame** For New Fight

ASMARA, Eritrea — Eritrean and Ethiopian forces clashed Tuesday along their disputed border, with each side accusing the other of starting the fight-

Eritrea said Ethiopian forces pummeled Eritrean positions at dawn with tank and artillery fire in a bid to recapture the town of Zala Ambessa, 100 kilometers (60 miles) southeast of the Eritrean capital, Asmara.

Eritrean forces seized the border town of 15,000 last week. But in the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa, officials said Eritrean troops struck first, storming Ethiopian defen-

sive positions south of Zala Ambessa. They came to attack in the morning. three times, regrouping and attacking, regrouping and attacking, said a Foreign Ministry spokesman, Yemane Kidane. He said the Eritreans had suffered heavy casualties.

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gaged in a hattle over their border. Ethiopia is resisting attempts by its smaller, northern neighbor to control territory it says is wrongly beld by

With hostilities between the two countries escalating, the U.S. government prepared Tuesday to evacuate 120 more of its citizens, along with Ger-

mans, Egyptians and some Ethiopians. Eritrea called Monday for direct talks in the presence of high-level mediators "to ensure a speedy resolution of the

A spokesman for President Issaias Afwerki of Eritrea said Ethiopia had effectively declared war on Eritrea and was using the threat of renewed air strikes to discourage trade by air and

Eritrea says its forces are within internationally recognized borders drawn hy Italy in the late 19th century. Eritrea, an Italian colony from 1885 to 1941, was annexed in 1962 by Ethiopia, against which it later fought a 30-year

war for independence.
In Addis Ababa, Prime Minister Meles Zenawi accused the Eritreans of stalling to consolidate their positions inside Ethiopia.

"If that's the case - and it appears to be the case — then the opportunities for resolving this problem peacefully could be fast disappearing," he said.

Mr. Issaias said pride was an obstacle to resolving the conflict. The Eritrean People's Liberation Front, led by Mr. Issaias, and Mr. Meles's Tiere People's Liberation Front were allies in ending 17 years of military rule in Ethiopia in

1991.
"We might be more concerned about pride, integrity, respect and all that kind of thing - trust, confidence," Mr. Is-saias said. "When you lose that, it becomes a hig problem for us in this region - it's not always money and re-

With per-capita annual incomes of less than \$300 a year, Ethiopia and Eritrea are among the world's poorest

In Burkina Faso, African leaders

city the mayor threatened Tuesday to block main roads if the government did rect international telephone calls for the first time since the 1991 Gulf War, the not approve the hiring of additional municipal garbage collectors. The contracts of 437 garbage coltelecommunications department said

U.K. Rail Crews Call 2 Nationwide Strikes

LONDON (Reuters) - British railroad maintenance workers have called Officials of Chateau Giscours said two nationwide strikes, expected to last that a judicial investigation against it a total of 11 days, in a dispute over pay was looking only at whether wine from and working conditions.

the neighboring Haut Medoc region was Members of the Rail and Maritime added to its 1995 Sirene de Giscours. Transport Union who look after track. Sirene de Giscours is normally made signaling and power supplies plan to stop work between midnight on June 19 and midnight on June 23, and between only from grapes from the more prestigious commune of Margaux. In a statement, the chateau offered to buy back all early morning on June 29 and just be-fore midnight on July 5. Chateau Giscours was responding to

The strikes against Railtrack PLC could halt train service nationwide.

Greek Mayor Raises Threat of Roadblock

PIRAEUS, Greece (AP) - As garbage piled up on the streets this port

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lectors ran out two weeks ago and have not heen renewed. About 190 others are

working. The Greek interior minister,

Alekos Papadopoulos, hlamed Mayor

Stelios Logothetis, saying he could have applied last month for funds to hire

JAKARTA (AP) -- Indonesian leaders asked other countries Tuesday to drop warnings to their citizens against traveling to Indonesia, saying visitors would be safe despite recent unrest.

"There is no reason to restrict tourists from visiting Indonesia now," said Ali Alatas, the Indonesian foreign minister.

There is nothing to worry about."

Mr. Alatas said that Australia had revoked a warning against travel to In-donesia. But the United States and Japan were maintaining warnings.

An employee of Continental Airlines' frequent-flier program was arrested in Houston and accused of using customer credit card information and frequent-flier mileage to obtain tickets for resale. Continental said all affected accounts would be reimbursed. (AP)

Iraqis Can Again Dial International Calls

Agence France-Presse BAGHDAD - Iraqis can make di-

The telephone network was badly damaged in the war. Iraqis have since had to go through an operator, and international calls have been limited to Baghdad is negotiating with the French company Alcatel for renovation of the network, which Alcatel installed in the

The network has not been fully restored because of a lack of spare parts in Iraq, which is under UN economic sancnons. But \$150 million has been set aside for telecommunications and transportanon under an accord with the United Nations that allows limited oil sales.

meeting at of the Organization of African Unity have deplored the fighting.

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In Summit Run-Up, U.S.-Based Chinese Are Harassed on Home Visits

By Philip Shenon

TOLEDO, Ohio — Ciping Huang was always known among her neighbors in the Chinese city of Hefei as a dutiful daughter. And in the 13 years since she arrived in the United States, initially to study science at the University of Toledo, she returned home as often as she could.

There had never been a problem with the police during her five earlier trips to China. But during a long-planned vacation home this April, Ms. Huang was allowed almost no time with her parents. Instead, the 36-year-old en-gineer found herself locked in a police interrogation room for days, with plainclothed of-

ficers threatening to jail her — and even hinting that she could face execution - unless she detailed her ties to dissidents in the United "They said I had done things damaging to Chinese national security and had broken the security laws, which can carry the death pen-

alty," Ms. Huang said. "They said they could

The police deported her on April 19, allowing her 20 minutes to say a final good-bye to her aged parents. Now, back in Ohio, where she lives with her American husband, Ms. Huang said she is certain why she was threatened by her gov-

"It has a lot to do with Clinton," said Ms. Huang, deputy chairman of the Independent Federation of Chinese Students and Scholars, which represents thousands of Chinese living in the United States. "They want to have a good image during Clinton's trip to China. They want to give the world a good impression of China. So they don't want any protests anywhere, in China

Human rights groups and organizations representing students and other Chinese citizens living in the United States say they have received reports of at least a dozen incidents in recent weeks in which Chinese visiting their homeland have been takeo into custody, interrogated or

threatened by the police. The harassment, they say, is clearly related to President Bill Clinton's trip to China this month. They say Beijing is trying to send a message to Chinese living in the United States that they must not organize protests in the United States against Mr. Ctinton's visit, the but their families stay behind." first by a U.S. president since the 1989 crackdown on democracy demonstrators in Tiananmon Square.

Mike Jendrzejczyk, Washington director of Human Rights Watch Asia, said, "This may be a way of intimidating activists both in the U.S. and in China who might try to speak out about the president's visit - and a way of closing down channels of communications in the democracy movement.

Human rights groups say they have no way of determining the exact number of these incidents n China; most of the victims, they say, are afraid to report what happened to them after their return to the United States, for fear that publicity could bring retaliation against their families.

"I know this has happened to several people, but they don't want to talk about it openly because of their families," said Jinghong Li, a software engioeer in Los Angeles. Mr. Li is chairman of the Independent Federation, a Washington-based group that was founded as a result of the 1989 crackdown and organizes public protests in the United States against the

Interviews with eight Chinese students and scholars who returned to the Uoited States from China over the last several months offers evidence of a pattern: The visiting Chinese are detained, sometimes for days, and questioned intensely about their involvement - real or imagined — in the dissident movement in the United States.

Some of the Chinese do have close ties to the dissident community here, while others do not All insisted that their recent visits to China were routine trips to see their families and friends and were not intended to goad the Chinese gov-ernment ahead of Mr. Clinton's trip.

Human rights groups say there was a similar pattern just before President Jiang Zemin's state visit to the United States last October.

Bangzheng Chen, a molecular biologist who has been in the United States since 1985 and works for the Food and Drug Administration at a research center in Arkansas, said that he visited China in March to see his 85-year-old mother and to "visit with some old friends - that was the only purpose of my trip.'

But a week after arriving in China, he received a phone call "from some national security agents who said they knew I was back in China," said Mr. Chen, who had last visited his homeland in

During a seven-hour interrogation, he says, he was questioned about his ties to organizations of Chinese students and scholars in the United States, most importantly the Independent Fed-

'They know a lot about almost every member

in the group," he said.
"They knew the names," he added. "They knew more names than I did. They asked me what role these people played in the organizations. All the details, You name it. I told them I wasn't so involved. I said I didn't have a lot to offer them."

But the police were not satisfied with his answers, he said, and so he was picked up again several days later and interrogated for another three hours to four bours.

"It was clear to me that they didn't want anything to happen to interrupt any honey-moon between Jiang Zemin and Clinton." be

Cohen to Fight The Senate on Separate-Sex **Basic Training**

By Dana Priest Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Defense Secretary William Cohen and other defense officials will try to dissuade members of Congress from separating women and men in basic training, a provision that has passed the House and will be debated soon in the Senate.

Instead, Mr. Cohen said Monday, he supports the position of the army, the navy and the air force that men and women should go through basic training together, and he ordered the services to ensure the sexes were sufficiently separated in the barracks.

He also endorsed the Marine Corps position that it continue training men and women separately.

Gender-integrated training was scrutinized after the sexual barassmeot and rape cases at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland, an advanced training center where drill instructors had sexual , relationships with trainees, Mr. Coheo appointed former Senator Nancy Kassebaum Baker, Republican of Kansas, to

lead a commission to study the issue. The Kassebaum Baker panel recommended separating male and female troops at the squad and platooo level. The panel also revealed that drill instructors, worried about allegations of sexual harassment between troops, had began to prohibit men and women from speaking

to one another or touching in any way.

The services strenuously objected to Mrs. Kassebaum Baker's recommendations and insisted that they be permitted to "train the way they fight." Mr. Cohen on Monday backed their views.

Richer Republicans

WASHINGTON - The 1998 Republican House-Senate Dinner is a week away, but the Republicans have already reached their fund-raising goal of \$10 million — and are still going. "We're just on cloud nine," said the National Republican Congressional Committee spokesman, Mary Crawford, who noted that the total had surpassed the record for a congressional

dinner, set in 1996, by \$2.7 million. The money was largely raised through a series of 'dialing for dolsessions featuring members of the House and Senate leadership. The dinner, which is organized by the House majority leader, Richard Armey of Texas, and Senator Larry Craig of Idaho, will take place June 16 at the Washington Convention Center.

According to last week's accounting, Mr. Armey netted \$626,000, while Representative Jennifer Dunn of Washington, the Republican conference vice chairman, collected \$105,000 and Representative Deborah Pryce of Ohio, the conference secre-tary, amassed \$85,000.

The Republican Policy Committee chairman, Christopher Cox of Califomia, raised \$101,000 and Representative Mark Foley of Florida raised \$237,000. The party's most effective fund-raiser, Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia, the House speaker, made calls last week for the first time, so they have yet to show up in the totals.

Jordan Testifies

WASHINGTON - The presidential confidant Vernon Jordan testified Tuesday before a grand jury for a fifth time in the Monica Lewinsky investigation, saying be helped get a lawyer and a job for the former White House

intern but did nothing wrong.
Sounding testy, Mr. Jordan said that he had testified "five times over and over again" about the assistance he gave Ms. Lewinsky, who has filed an affidavit denying a sexual relationship with President Bill Clinton.

Mr. Jordan said he had been assured by Whitewater prosecutors that "this fore the grand jury.

When he was called in early March. Mr. Jordan said, his testimony was the same: "I helped Ms. Lewinsky get a lawyer, I helped her get a job. I had assurances there was no sexual relationship, and I did not tell her to lie. That was the truth then, and that is the truth today."

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Mr. Jordan assisted Ms. Lewinsky late last year and early this year when she was under subpoena in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case against Mr. Clinton.

Ms. Lewinsky says in secretly taperecorded conversations in the hands of Whitewater prosecutors that she did have a sexual relationship with the president and that she was urged to

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President Bill Clinton at a dinner in New York that raised \$1.1 million for his party's congressional candidates; 'We Democrats have an agenda. We're not trying to sit on these good was my fifth and, barring unforeseen circumstances, final appearance" be-



NO THANKS — Elizabeth Dole telling CNN's Larry King that she has no plans to seek the Republican presidential nomination, even as a survey showed ber and Vice President Al Gore in virtually a dead beat.

U.S. Army Revamps the Structure of Its Combat Divisions

By Bradley Graham Washington Pest Service

WASHINGTON — Four years ago, facing a new landscape of unfamiliar enemies and futuristic weapons, U.S. Army commanders set out to redesign the combat division, the basic U.S. building block of land warfare from World War I through the Gulf War.

The results, announced Tuesday, fall considerably short of the wholesale streamlining of comhat structure advocated by some influential strategic thinkers inside and outside the army.

Rejecting calls for bolder change after the end of the Cold War, the army has decided to trim troop

strength in the usual 18,000-soldier divisions by a waging war — tank battalions, infantry regiments, modest 13 percent, to 15,700 and keep the structure

esseotially intact. This was described as the most conservative of several options that senior commanders con- contains two to five divisions. sidered.

The changes, affecting 6 of the current 10 di-visions, are the first of what military officials say will be a progressive series of moves over the next decade or two to create more agile land forces better suited to face 21st century adversaries.

The army, like the other military branches, has lost more than a third of its uniformed personnel over the past decade, but it has continued to rely on divisions to bring together the components for

aviation brigades, support battalions and so on. Each division is commanded by a two-star general and usually fights as part of a corps, which

The new divisions will have somewhat fewer armored vehicles and more reconnaissance and artillery than before, Still, like their predecessors, they will consist of three armored or mechanized brigades and include a mix of artillery, belicopters,

air defense, communications, intelligence and support elements. "I think the army has missed an opportunity to

transform its force structure and gain some ef-ficiencies," said Frank Finelli, a retired officer

who served as a planner on the Pentagoo's Joint Staff and oow works as an assistant to Senator Dan Coats, Republican of Indiana who is chairman of the Armed Services subcommittee on ground

Army officials said they considered adopting a much smaller division and ceding more independence to brigades. But they concluded that this would be too vulnerable and unworkable

Study after study has recommended that the Peotagon slim down, invest in better intelligencegathering systems and gear itself to combating such less conventional threats as germ warfare agents, assaults against computer systems and also urban operations.

Army Assault on Rebels Mirrors Mexico's Tougher Stance

By Serge F. Kovaleski Washington Post Service

killing of 11 leftist rebels over the weekend by an army patrol in one of the bloodiest clashes in Mexico in nearly two years occurred as the government was taking a sharply more aggressive stance against insurgents and their sympathizers.

The six-hour firefight Sunday between Mexican troops and members of the Popular Revolutionary Army in the town of El Charco, near Acapulco, occurred less than Zapatistas have for now pre-

ted 167 people in the town who they said were loyal to the Zapatista National Liber-MEXICO CITY — The ation Army, the country's

largest guerrilla force. The raid in the Chiapas town of Nicolas Ruiz was similar to two others since April in the villages of Taniperlas and Agua Tinta, both considered to be sympathetic to the Zapatistas. Critics contend that the

stepped-up military actions and the apparent antipathy shown by the administration of President Ernesto Zedillo toward mediated peace talks with the ist group based in the southmission, an independent com- sympathetic to the rebels. mittee that had been involved dissolving. It accused the gov- sowing discord.

followed the resignation of gression toward the diocese."

Bisbop Samuel Ruiz as its He asserted that priests had president. The commission been jailed on false accusaa week after security forces raided a town in the southern state of Chiapas. They arresise seeking greater Indian rights.

cluded any possibility of an acpresident. The commission been jailed on false accusations, that churches had been left with no choice but to with occupied by the army.

No peace negotiations are draw from the peace process meanwhile, Odilon under way with the Popular because of a military buildup Romero, the opposition mayor Revolutionary Army, a Marx- in Chiapas, the violent break- of the municipality of Ayutla, up by the authorities of "auwestern state of Guerrero that tonomous" pro-rebel villages emerged as a force in 1996. and a government campaign The National Mediation Com- to discredit the committee as

The government said Monbetween the government and for peace in Chiapas, and it Tapatistas, said Sunday it was dissolving. It accused the government and continue to push sion lasted into the night, and the rebels decided to stay until morning at a schoolhouse.

The commission's decision and growing government ag-

which includes El Charco, said that members of the Popular Revolutionary Army had asked residents to attend an informational meeting in the town Saturday afternoon. The ses-

dissolving. It accused the government of promoting discord and weakening efforts toward tion Snnday, Bishop Ruiz to the guerrillas' whereabouts, and at around 3 A.M. Sunday, and at around 3 A.M. Sunday. the troops started their attack. A witness said that four helicopters had showered the school with bullets and explosives while soldiers exchanged fire with the insurgents. No

Odilon army casualties were reported.
On Monday, large numbers of families were said to be fleeing El Charco.

"I am trying to convince them that there is no reason to leave their homes or normal activities." Mayor Romero said. "But in reality, they are very scared of the heavy military presence."

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Away From Politics

A piece of metal lying on an interstate highway in Kentucky set off a chain-reaction crash that killed a family of six and another woman.

 A proposal to recreate Spain's running of the bulls on a Nevada highway has been vetoed by state officials because of traffic and safety concerns. Officials had wanted to stage a scaled-down version of the event in

Pamplona, Spain, in the town of Mesquite. · A black bitchhiker was dragged to death behind a pickup truck along a rural eastern Texas road, and two of the three whites accused in the killing had racist tattoos,

Honda and Ford Fined

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the authorities said.

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Ford Motor Co. will pay a Honda and Ford were \$2.5 million fine for a polcharged Monday with selling Intion-control problem on cars that were designed to pass 60,000 of its 1997 Econoline emissions tests but ran sub- vans, the officials said, and stantially dirtier on the road. \$3.8 million in other costs and The Justice Department and compensatory measures. the Environmental Protection Ford began a recall of the Agency fined Honda Motor vans Monday.



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Jakarta Courts East Timor Rebels

Habibie Offers Special Status, but Militants Say Move Falls Short

JAKARTA — President B. J. Habibie said Tuesday be was ready to grant spe-cial status within Indonesia to East Timor in exchange for peace in the territory.

In an interview with the BBC, Mr. Habihie also said he had signed a decree to release 10 Timorese rebels imprisoned by Indonesia, which invaded the former Portuguese colony in 1975. But Mr. Habibie made it clear that Xanana Gusmao, the imprisoned East Timorese guerrilla leader, would not be freed.

East Timorese militants said that Mr. Habibie's gesture was not sufficient to bring an end to the guerrilla war against Indonesian rule.

Nevertheless Mr. Habibie's comments appeared to mark a significant change in policy toward East Timor following the resignation last month of President Suharto, who had steadfastly

refused to make any concessions. It was not clear what form the East Timor's special status might take, although it was certain that there would be no referendum on self-determination, as

the separatists have demanded. Mr. Habibie said that East Timor would remain an integral part of Indonesia and that special status would not lead to political autonomy.

'There is no way you can discuss that

with me," he said of autonomy or independence. "No, we will not let that

presidential aide, who spoke on Condition of anonymity, said that mainly Muslim Indonesia would grant some form of recognition to the territory's Culture and Roman Catholic religion.
Other parts of Indonesia with special

status include the capital, Jakarta, the province of Aceh in northern Sumatra and the sultanate of Yogyakarta in Cen-

The East Timor leader Jose Ramos-Horta, a co-winner of the 1996 Nobel Peace Prize, rejected Mr. Habibie's offer as ambiguous and arrogant. "I don't think it will satisfy the people of East Timor," Mr. Ramos-Horta told the

'Our demand, which is very basic, is that the people of East Timor be given the right, the opportunity, to express their views about their own future through a referendum under UN supervision," he said.

He welcomed the order for the release of the 10 prisoners, but added that all should be freed, including Mr. Gusmao, who is serving a 20-year sentence in Cipinang Prison in Jakarta.

Fernando Araujo, an East Timorese activist and former political prisoner

who is in regular contact with Mr. Gusmao, said the withdrawal of Indonesian troops and the release of Mr. Gusmao

were essential for a peaceful solution. Earlier Tuesday, the Indonesian foreign minister Ali Alatas, said that Mr. Suharto's departure from politics had provided an opportunity for Portugal, East Timorese separatists and Indonesia to resolve conflicts over the disputed territory.

■ State Attacks Policemen's Case

Prosecutors asked an Indonesian military court Tuesday to reject defense assertions that two police officers charged with killing students last month were being used to sbleld others, Reuters reported from Jakarta.

One of the prosecutors, Colonel Sadji Purwono, asked the court to reject the

'The defense team's statement that they will prove the two accused are only shields sacrificed to cover the wrongdoing of other parties, are, according to our evaluation, highly tendentious and filled with ill intentions besides dis-crediting other authorities," he said.

The two police lieutenants, Agus Tri Heryanto, 29, and Paryo, 38, are charged with willfully disobeying or exceeding orders under article 103 of the Military



Residents of Dili, in East Timor, paying respects Tuesday at Santa Cruz cemetery, site of a 1991 army massacre of separatist protesters.

Crises Nudge East Asians Into Stronger Military Ties With U.S.

By Michael Richardson nternational Herald Tribune

KUALA LUMPUR — East Asia's economic troubles are likely to strengthen the key military alliances that the United States has with countries in the region because they offer stability in tur-

bulent times, officials and analysis say. Before the financial crisis started to shake the whole of East Asia, China was a strident critic of the alliances on the grounds that they were aimed at encircling and weakening China. But the Chinese government has significantly toned down its opposition. This is not only because Beijing wants to create a better atmosphere for Chinese-American relations before President Bill Clinton's state visit

to China, starting June 25. Analysts and officials who attended a recent conference here on regional security say that Chinese leaders now see considerable value in the stabilizing influence of the hilateral alliances America has with Japan, South Korea, the Philippines, Thailand and Australia, especially the pact between Washington and Tokyo that effectively

limits Japanese military power. Greg Austin, a specialist on Northeast Asia at the Australian National University in Canberra, said. "As much as some Chinese official statements might rail against the concept of alliances, the Chinese government accepts that the U.S. alliance with Japan is a net benefit both to China's

security and to regional stability."

Analysts said that, since September, three months after the start of East Asia's financial turmoil, China's official line on the U.S. military presence in Asia has changed from one of opposition to one of approval for the time being, because the last thing Beijing wants is strategic

instability at a time of economic uncertainty, By demanding an end to the U.S. presence, China realized that it was "provoking doubts and fears among its Asian neighbors," Mr. Austin said. Since the U.S. was unlikely to withdraw, China

had nothing to gain — and much to lose — by trumpeting so loudly about getting them out."

Qian Wenrong, deputy chief of the Center for World Studies of China's official Xinhua press agency, said that Beijing favored the development of multilateral security arrangements in Asia, such as the ASEAN Regional Forum on security, but had to take account of the fact that many other countries in the region preferred to rely on military

alliances for now 'Most of the East Asian countries do advocate further development of multilateral security cooperation but, at the same time, they think that the time has not yet come to replace military al-liances," Mr. Qian said. "On the contrary, many countries still believe that military alliance is a

reliable security approach."
Nearly all the 100,000 American troops in Asia are based in Japan and Sonth Korea.

Mr. Qian said that many regional countries faced a contradiction, "On the one hand, they are worried that once Japan develops into a military power by relying on the strengthened Japan-U.S. military alliance, it could threaten regional security. But on the other, due to their concern over Japan and the emerging China, they hope that the U.S. continues to keep its military presence in this region so as to seek peace and security under the condition of big

While security in Western Europe has been managed at a multilateral level since 1949 by institutions such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Northeast Asia's political diversity, mutual suspicions and intractable territorial disputes, such as those between North and South Korea, Taiwan and China, and China and Japan. have prevented the development of region-wide institutions to manage differences and foster co-

all, apart from the U.S.-Japan and U.S.-South

Korean alliances. On his visit to the United States this week, President Kim Dae Jung of South Korea is expected to underline the importance of the alliance with Washington.

Australia and the Philippines have both taken steps recently to strengthen their alliances with the United States, while Thailand used its close security ties with Washington to gain urgently needed financial aid and cancel a major purchase of American jets it could no longer afford.

Kent Calder, special adviser to the American ambassador to Japan, said, "Alliances, particularly the U.S.-Japan alliance, will be the in-evitable bedrock of regional security for the fore-

"Indeed, it is the underlying stability they give that provides traction for other types of relationships now emerging in the region, including mul-tilateral security dialogues and institutions."

Japan depends on imports, mainly from the Middle East, for nearly all its oil and most of its natural gas, both vital industrial and transport fuels. China, South Korea and countries of the Association of South East Asian Nations, also In Northeast Asia, the most volatile part of the region, there is no formal security architecture at same sea lanes from the Gnlf.

After Quake, Some Afghans Profit as Aid Teams Move In

By Molly Moore

FEYZABAD, Afghanistan - Ten days ago, Commander Mohammed, the overseer of a little-used airfield in the Hindu Kush, the mountains of northeastern Afghanistan, was living in a mud hut and had not seen a paycheck from the warlord of his militia faction in months.

Today, he is the de facto mayor of an imernational community of relief workers, journalists and militamen who have converged on a primitive, corrugatedmetal landing strip that is the only gate-way to one of the most inaccessible natural disasters in years — an earth-quake that killed about 5,000 people and left tens of thousands homeless.

Commander Mohammed, a bushy-

bearded man with a perpetually startled look in his deep brown eyes, has rented out his mud hut for \$50 a day. There is no water, running or otherwise, and the bathroom is a patch of weeds behind the rusting Soviet armored personnel car-

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riers that flank the airstrip. Next door, a group of relief workers bas commandeered a dilapidated concrete building that bas a faded warning painted on its front: "Trade, cultivation and use of opium is strongly forbidden in Islam." Sprouting along the foundation of every nearby building are

bright orange poppy flowers.

A hit farther along, television crews have moved into the airfield's two-story

observation tower. One day recently, when bad weather rounded the helicopters and stalled efforts to ferry food and other goods to victims of the earthquake, Commander Mohammed rallied his hand of guards - all clad in turbans, traditional tunics and rubber sandals and all carrying AK-47 rifles - to take advantage of en-

trepreneurial opportunities.

They scavenged for gasoline from a nearby village. The going rate on resale to journalists: \$45 for a gallon and a half to operate generators needed to power satellite telephones.

It did not take long for enterprising villagers to discover the international cash cow for themselves. Almost overnight, a tiny bazaar appeared outside the gates of the airfield.

But the main activity of the airstrip community centered on the wait for the sound of whirring helicopter blades. The relief base here, coordinated primarily by the United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross, has no communication with Dushanbe. Tajikistan, where the helicopters are stored each night by their Tajik crews. Every morning, aid workers and jour-

nalists trained their eyes on the distant mountain peaks, trying to gauge whether gathering clouds here meant bad her in Dushanbe, more than a hour away by air. In the first nine days of the relief effort following the May 30 quake, helicopters were able to fly relief

missions on only three days. That left Angus Fraser, a towering Scotsman who coordinates food distrihution for the World Food Program, oic of the most frustrated men on the planet. Even before the bad weather set in there was no fuel available here for the four meager helicopters contracted to cover 84 quake-shattered villages in treacherous mountain terrain. When fuel finally arrived, weather grounded all the copters. When the weather began cooperating on Sunday, medical teams said they needed all the helicopters to investigate a suspected cholera onthreak

on the northern edge of the quake zone.

When the aircraft finally arrived — 3 shiny white UN helicopter and three aging mustard-yellow machines owned by the Tajik government - chaos broke ont among medical teams competing for space on board with food supply agencies, while journalists clamored to be

taken along.

Affected villages are so isolated along jagged mountainsides that relic agencies have to pinpoint devastated communities using global positioning satellites out of fear that the helicopters would not be able to find them again on

Q & A / Muchtar Pakpahan

'Suharto Pulls the Strings'

Muchtar Pakpahan, founder of In-donesio's first independent lobor union. SBS1, in 1992, was imprisoned by the Suharto gavernment for "subversive ocnvities" in 1996. After Mr. Suharto stepped down on May 21, Mr. Pakpahan was one of the first political prisoners to be released. The 45-year-old activist from Sumatra was invited by the World Confederation of Labor to attend the annual assembly of the International Labor Organization in Geneva this week. He discussed his country's problems and pros-pects with Robert Kroon for the IHT.

Q. The Indonesian government Tues-day accepted the ILO convention on workers' freedom of association, which puts you in the driver's seat as leader of Indonesia's first free labor movement. Do you think President B.J. Habibie is now seriously committed to social and

political reforms? A. Not really. He has always been Suharto's puppet and Suharto is still pulling the strings behind the scenes. That goes not only for Habibie, but also for his cabinet, which retained several ministers from the corrupt Suharto era. The reform process is much too slow. Habibie wants to hang on until the next century. The MPR, the People's Consultative Assembly, must be convened as soon as possible to install a new and more credible transition government and prepare for early general elections. We have given Habibie until June 15 to make up his mind about this special MPR session. If he keeps stalling, we will organize mass demonstrations of Indonesian workers and students to force Habibie out of office and speed up reforms. Indonesian workers are the main victims of the economic crisis resulting from the corrupt Suharto regime.

Q. In the present climate couldn't mass demonstrations trigger a new

wave of violence? A. I am against violence and the demonstrations will be peaceful if there are no provocations from the military. The attitude of the ABRI, the armed forces, in the reform process remains unclear. The military establishment is split in nationalist and Islamic fundamentalist factions. Armed forces chief General Wiranto claims he wants democratic reform, but he is an ambivalent factor in the military equation. He re-lieved General Prabowo Subianto, Suharto's son-in-law, from his command of the élite Strategic Reserve, but Prabowo remains a dangerous man.

Q. Isn't there a danger that Indonesia could turn into a fundamentalist state? A. I see three negative possibilities: A military takeover, total anarchy or a fundamentalist state. Freedom of religion is one of the underpinnings of the Indonesian republic and it must be respected. The general election should be a free and fair contest between political parties that are constituted according to democratic and not religious principles. Myself, I am a Christian from North Sumatra and SBSL, our independent lahor union, was founded on the basis of religious tolerance. We started with a few hundred workers and now we already have half a million members.

Q. With Hahibie still at the helm, what e your more immediate priorities? A. The people do not trust the present

government because it carries the imprint of the former regime. Suharto should be put on trial for enriching himself and his family at the expense of the Indonesian nation. Future support from the IMF to help Indonesia out of its present predicament is urgently needed, but the money should be disbursed in a transparent way for the henefit of the people. The \$4 billion allotted by the IMF to Indonesia since November have disappeared without a trace.

We also need aid from Western governments to alleviate the people's current hardships. Also, there are still some 150 political prisoners in jail and they should be freed immediately. That includes Xanana Gusmao, the leader of the East Timor resistance movement. Gusmao and I were in the same Jakarta prison. The East Timorese should decide on their own political future in a referendum and if they opt for association with Indonesia I told Xanana, he should accept it.

BRIEFLY

Roadblock Stalls Bangladesh Protest

DHAKA, Bangladesh - A huge anti-government protest was stalled Tuesday on the outskirts of the Bangladeshi capital by a roadblock of 100 trucks set up by snpporters of the prime minister, Sheikh Hasina

Some in the angry crowd of tens of thousands set fire to several of the trucks used to block the road. Sheikh Hasina had said she would let the march go ahead, and it was not clear if she had ordered her supporters to put up the barricade

Former Prime Minister Khalida Zia was leading the "long march" protest, scheduled over two days, to underscore opposition to a peace accord she says gives away too much to tribal people in the southeast. Begum Zia has led an opposition campaign since she lost power in

Kashmir Campaign

elections two years ago.

SRINAGAR, India — Thousands of Indian security forces have launched an offensive against Islamic

mercenaries in a mountainous area of Kashmir, the police said Tuesday. India's Hindu nationalist government last week ordered a crackdown on Muslim mercenaries. India accuses Pakistan of arming Muslim guerrillas in Kashmir, India's only Muslim-majority state. (AFP)

Cyclone in India

BOMBAY - A cyclone span onto India's western Gujarat state Tuesday whipping up high winds that toppled walls and a communication

tower, killing 21 people.

The storm hit land at Porbunder 450 kilometers (280 miles) northwest of Bombay, and gradually moved north across western India.

Macau Raids Clubs

MACAU - Policemen in southern China arrested several hundred suspected criminals, including drug traffickers and prostitutes, in raids on nightclubs and other entertainment spots over the weekend.

The raids were part of an anti-crime campaign in Zhuhai, just across the border from the Portuguese-run enclave of Macau.

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Teams Money

World Cup Is On, As Is Labor Unrest

Air France Pilots Not Budging

By Barry James

PARIS - The World Cup soccer tournament officially opened in France on Tuesday night amid a wave of labor unrest as specific groups of higgest sporting event as a lever to get higher pay, bo-nuses or improved conditions.

The biggest of the labor disputes was the walkout by Air France pilots, which not only threatens the success of the World Cup but also raises questions about the airline's have suffered a wage freeze survivability in Europe's deregulated skies. The dispute also illustrates the problems among the most unpopular competitiveness.

France flights canceled, a workers in Air France and British Airways subsidiary, Air Liberte, and other independent carriers have moved in to supplant the state-owned operator on domestic routes. They have chartered larger aircraft to meet the demand.

Rival international airlines. like Lufthansa, have carried board meeting this week at many of the soccer supporters which it may issue a take-itwho otherwise would have or-leave-it pay scale. What flown with Air France. The might happen then is anyairline said it had already lost more than I billion francs 1\$168 million) during a month that even without the World Cup would have been its busiest period of the year.

Worse, the airline says the planes it has managed to keep a third of their seats unsold, an indication that passengers have lost confidence in the

This is disturbing news for Air France's management, which maintains that the airline is no longer competitive air crew salaries.

ment plans to put 20 percent on Wednesday. Another of the airline up for sale this group of rail workers called not want the shares. The crux in the Marseille region.

accept stock in lieu of up to 15 percent of their salaries.

In the past, Air France has pended on huge subsidies from the state, but further aid is excluded by European Union rules. The airline thereworkers used the world's forewants to cut salaries and other costs to help raise the 40 billion francs it needs to buy

up to 70 new planes. The SNPL pilots' says its members have already made enough sacrifices. They have reduced cocknit crews from three to two and say they Since 1990.

The Air France pilots are

that the management of strikers in France, mostly be-French state-owned indus- cause they have succeeded in tries faces in goading the custing a cloud over the nacompanies to greater levels of tional soccer fete. They have been criticized as corporatist With three out of four Air and elitist hy other groups of even by some union leaders. Moreover, there were signs Tuesday of a split among the various unions representing the pilots, who planned to meet to discuss strategy.

The management, meanwhile, is planning a special might happen then is any-

As a cust of thousands and a million spectators prepared for the World Cup opening spectacle Tuesday, groups of workers around the country were still striking or threatening to do so. Labor unrest has been bubbling for months; the soccer tournament presented an opportunity for workers to parade their claims and grievances.

Public transport was disrupted in Lyon on Tuesday. Bus customed to heavy physical workers in Bordeaux said they would strike on Thursday, the



eight strong but due to be increased to 30, was to make its first appearance Tuesday during the World Cup parade. It will also help out during periodic demonstrations in which as many as 5,000 skaters roll through Paris.

Germany Declined Train-Wheel Sensor

System Might Have Averted Crash

BONN - Germany's state rail corporation refused three years ago to test a safety system for checking the condition of a train's wheels — a system that might have prevented last week's disaster, the Bild daily said Tuesday.

Citing a German technician, Bild reported that if Deutsche

Bahn had installed the system on its flagship Inter City Express trains, it could have stopped the train before it derailed Wednesday, causing the deaths of 98 people.

The breakup of the metal "tire" on the wheel of one of the coaches immediately behind the leading locomoove is be-lieved to have been the cause of the 200-kilometer-per-hour (125-mile-per-hour) crash. The derailed train hit the support pillar of a highway overpass, bringing hundreds of tons of

concrete dowo onto the passeoger cars.

The technician, Gottfried Birkl, told Bild that he had suggested the system to state railway officials in 1995 and that they had acknowledged that the control mechanism "would detect if there was any deformation of the wheel during

Meanwhile, a Deutsche Bahn spokesman announced that trains would be running again late Tuesday at Eschede, in northern Germany, where the accident occurred.

Repairs to the tracks in the region were expected completed by the end of the day, the spokesman said.

Doctors have identified 79 of the 98 people killed, who included nine children. Another 85 people remained hos-

The crash of Inter-City-Express 884 was so gruesome that most of the bodies were mutilated beyond immediate recognition. It was Germany's worst train accident in more than 50 years, and spurred reassessments of railroad safety standards around the world.

BRIEFLY

For Kosovo Rebels, Fading Hopes

With Poor Strategy, Guerrillas Lose Ground to Serbian Forces

By Chris Hedges New York Times Service

THE SHKELZEN MOUNTAINS, Serbia — Many of the 200 bone-weary guerrillas had the hlank, disquite know where they are or should be operating in small what they are doing. Some panted and sweated in exhaustion and appeared unac-

The rebels, members of the with aggressive rivals that day that Italy plays Chile in the Kosovo Liberation Army. have younger fleets and lower city. A union representing a who are fighting to set up a minority of train engineers separate state in the Serbian The Socialist-led govern- called for a nationwide strike province of Kosovo, also appear to have embraced a disastrous military strategy, holdyear. But even the pilots do for a continuation of walkouts ing ground against superior Serbian forces for days before

plane landed at New York,

Cardinal Casaroli boarded a

return flight to Rome, telling

reporters: "My duty is to be

held it together - while the

Pope recuperated from his

He ran the Vaocan - and

Cardinal Casaroli, wbo

spoke Spanish, French, Eng-

lish, German and Portuguese.

had also studied Polish, Rus-

sian and Chinese. He was

known for tact and diplomacy

with the Holy Father.

exertion.

retreating with heavy losses. to move forward, the guer-"It is not until the KLA rillas, in green camouflage begins to break into small units and develops the hitand-run strategy of a real guer- rested in a lush, alpine valley rilla force that they can have waiting for the sun to sink.
Thin lines of cigarette any success," said a Western tant gaze of people who don't military observer. "They smoke drifted upward from the small knots of men and

units, hitting soft targets, con- periodic messages crackled stantly moving and retreating on the small walkie-talkie of or hiding from superior Serb the commander, who is in his forces. Instead, they seem to 30s. He was equipped with a think they can operate as a light machine gun and a new conventional army. They will 9-millimeter Beretta pistol in be slaughtered if they keep a glossy black leather bolster. 9-millimeter Beretta pistol in this up. "Move, move!" he told his troops. "It is time to go."

covered valleys below.

"There are fewer and fewer

towns holding out now," said

a 23-year-old guerrilla, who

surplus German army uniform

and had a red patch, with "UCK," the initials of the Al-

banian words for the Kosovo

villages, shell the houses and

cut off the food supplies," be

said. "I walked in from Smo-

lice today. There is still resistance, but the shelling is

terrible. There are many

wounded and dead. We are

. Smolice, a few kilometers

convoy on March 22 that Bel-

not always possible.

'The Serbs surround the

Liberation Army on his cap.

Small rebel bands coming out of the province confirmed that bleak assessment. They selves into a long, straggly said that the territory they held at the start of the offensive had been reduced and arenes into the carpet of that the wounded and the dis- grass. The train of fighters placed they were trying to and pack horses, which soon protect bad become a drain on stretched bu odreds of meters,

the rebel organization. : moved across the jagged gray
The Serbian campaign is rocks along the ridge. Many the border villages and towns of ethnic Albanians, who make up 90 percent of the 2 million people in Kosovo. The creation of a free-fire zone like many was outfitted in a along the border is intended to deny the rebels succor and support, as well as to give Serbian soldiers a license to

attack anything that moves. Tons of weapons and hundreds of rebels have crossed into Kosovo from Albania since the fighting intensified in March, according to Westem diplomats, setting off another Balkan war. The column of ethnic Al-

banian rebels, which formed in Albania and traveled into Kosovo under the cover of darkness, did not permit photos. The rebels also refused to east of Ponosevac, is one of say where they were headed in Kosovo, but conceded that they were going to reinforce other units holding villages

rrounded by the Serbs. grade cited as its reason for Before they were ordered beginning the huge countersurrounded by the Serbs.

insurgency campaign along the border with Albania. uniforms and each shoulder-As the rebels moved forward, the crash of heavy Sering two AK-47 assault rifles.

hian artillery boomed out, sending echoes through the narrow canyons. Two Serbian jets roared just over the ridge line, plummeting in fury toward the valleys where the comhat is taking place. Distraught and stunned refugees, many of whom had been moving toward Albania

through the mountains for two or three days, sat exhausted along the mountain path. About 20,000 people have The rebels formed thembeen driven from their homes by the Serbs, and that oumber, according to aid workers, is file, shifted their army rucksacks and dropped their cigexpected to double within the The village of Decani "no longer exists," said Jusuf

Vishaj. 71, as he sat with about 60 fleeing villagers on a slope. "It is just a name now. came in and looted our homes and then humed the town to the ground. We fled to other, smaller villages, but the soldiers are just repeating the tacoc all along the border."

The influx of new fighters, many ethnic Albanians from Germany and Switzerland, can at best retard the scorched-earth policy of the tens of thousands of Serb troops and special policemen deployed in Kosovo.

The guerrilla force, despite the hundreds of volunteers and impressive arms supplies, remains poorly organized, led trying to get the women and children out, but even this is hy commanders with linke experience. Recruits receive desultory training that rarely goes beyond showing them how to clean, assemble and fire AK-47 assault rifles.

the traditional strongholds of the rebels. It was an amhush 'The Serbs are moving closer to the Albanian border there on a Yugoslav Army by the day," said a fighter, who like all the guerrillas refused to give his name.

Right to Rebuff Prodi on NATO

ROME — Silvio Berlusconi's main ally in the center-right opposition confirmed Tuesday that the alliance will not support Prime Minister Romano Prodi's government in a vote later this month on NATO.

Without the support of the Freedom Alliance, Mr. Prodi's center-left coalitioo risks losing the vote and thus having to face a vote of confidence.

While Mr. Berlusconi and his allies support NATO's

eastward expansion, they have announced their refusal to come to the rescue of the government again in the face of the governing coalition's difficuloes with its Communist allies, Fausto Bertinotti's Refounded Communist Party, which says it will vote against NATO expansioo.

Boosted by a strong showing for the center-right in scattered local elections last weekend, Mr. Berlusconi said Monday that he wanted to send Prodi and his government home."

We don't want to bail Prodi out in any way,' Gianfranco Fini. leader of the right-wing National Alliance, a key in Mr. Berlusconi's coalition, said. (AP)

National Front Office Bombed

MARSEILLE — A bomh exploded in an office of the far-right National Front in Marseille on Tuesday, slightly wounding two activists.

No one immediately took responsibility for the attack, hut investigators said they believed it could be linked to the trial of three Nadonal Front supporters over the 1995 killing in Marscille of a teenage immigrant Comoro Islands.

The three men, aged 39 to 65, were to go on trial later in the day over the shooting of Ibrahim Ali. (Reuters)

Boost for British Beef Exports

BRUSSELS - The EU Commission is about to give the green light to lift completely the two-year ban on British beef exports, sources said Tuesday, three days ahead of a special meeting of the EU's veterinary com-

The recommendation will be made Wednesday, the sources said, but they could not say when the ban - ordered in March 1996 to prevent exports of cattle that might be suffering from "mad cow" disease - will be

The committee, which groups senior veterinarians from the 15 European Union member states, is due to meet on Friday and could approve the recommendation

If the recommendation fails to pass the commince, it will go EU agriculture ministers.

A worldwide ban on British beef exports was declared after Britain announced the discovery of a link between bovine spongiform eocephalopathy in canle and a new strain of Creutzfeld-Jakoh disease, a fatal hrain-wasting condition in humans with no known cure.

Cardinal Casaroli Is Dead at 83

By Alessandra Stanley

Agostino Casaroli, the former senior Vatican diplomat who Pope John Paul II during the in Communist countries. most active and turbulent Tuesday in Rome of an inaccording to the Italian news agency ANSA. He was 83 vears old.

The highpoint of Cardinal Casaroli's diplomatic career came a year before his retirement, when, after years of quiet negonation, he helped arrange the historic 1989 meeting between Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, and Pope John Paul II at the

In the 1960s and 1970s, he

was the principal architect of wounded by an assailant in the Vatican's policy of cau- Rome. Two hours after his tious rapprochement with Communist governments. This began under Pope John XXIII and sought to improve conditions for Catholic clergy

After one of his visits to times of his papacy, died Poland in 1967, the Polish government agreed to allow the elevation of Karol Wojtyla, archhishop of Cracow, to cardinal, on his way to becoming Pope.

Seven months after the Pope was elected, he appointed Cardinal Casaroli as sec- in all the languages he retary of state, a position roughly equivalent to a prime

The Cardinal was on his when the Pope was shot and

way to New York in 1981 to receive an honorary doctorate from St. John's University

You see the warning on

the gate? said a police colonel

morrow all residences will be

closed, as the Belarussian au-

thorities have ordered."

Harold Segal, 77, World War II Ace NEW YORK (NYT) Harold Segal, a Marine fighter pilot who shot down 12

Japanese planes in World War II - three of them in a single duel, died Wednesday in Scottsdalc, Arizona. He was 77 years old.

In March 1944, more than 500 gathered at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York to honor the ace, a former art student from New York, on his triumphant return home.

Jeanette Nolan, 86, who had a 70-year career in radio, stage, television and film, died Friday in Los Angeles of a stroke.

Belarus Signals Possible Retreat On Displacing Foreign Envoys Reporters were not al-

MINSK, Belarus - Be- lowed near the residences, larus said Tuesday that it which were patrolled by pomight cancel an order to foreign diplomats to leave their residences here, a demandthat has threatened to bring patrolling near Drozdy. "Tofurther diplomatic isolation to the former Soviet republic.

A spokesman for the Belarussian Foreign Ministry said: "The United States, Russia, Lithuania and France have all protested. At the moment we don't have full information, but all diplomatic channels are working very ac-

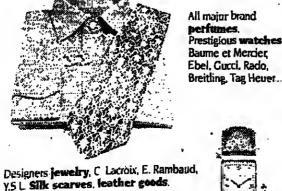
The spokesman's comment was the first sign that Belarus might back down on the order to diplomats from 22 countries to Jeave the residences at Drozdy, on the outskirts of Minsk, the capital. The Belarussian govern-

ment, which had wanted the

diplomats out by Wednesday, says the residences need repairs. Western diplomats say there is no need for them to move and that the action violates the Vienna convention on the treatment of diplo-

Western diplumats said Tuesday it was very likely that the government would rescind the order. "We believe that by tomorrow this conflict will be over, said one diplomat, who declined ta be identified.

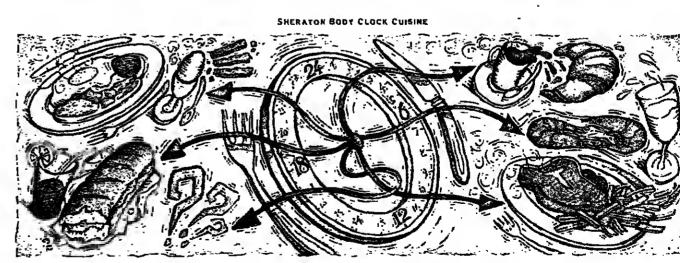
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Of Italy's 2 Pompeiis, the Extinct City Seems the Only One With a Future

By Alessandra Stanley New York Tunes Service

POMPEII, Italy — There are two Pompeiis near the Bay of Naples and it is not always clear which is the dead city. One, crawling with tourists, guides, laborers and archaeologists, hums with activity. The other, where the unemployment rate is 30 perceot, has crumbling buildings, faded bonky-tonk signs and stray dogs sleeping in the sun.

With the approach of the millennium

and its anendant religious celebrations comes the prospect of g million visitors about evenly divided between pilgrims to a shrine in the modern town and tourists interested in the ruins.

Both Pompeiis are expecting huge infusions of money for badly needed constructioo and repair. That manna from state and private sources could help

By Howard W. French

New York Times Service

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone — Few

the death of Geoeral Sani Abacha, a

deeply unpopular leader. But while Ni-

geria awaits clearer signs of its political

future, nearly all of the naooo is in a state

General Abacha's legacy is a demor-alized army, a political class whose lead-

ers have been jailed or driven into exile,

and a national economy that has been

path coold violently rend Africa's most

populous country, and send shudders

through the West African oations that

Although the military

leadership named General Abdulsalam

Abubakar, who was promoted from ma-

thief of staff, as the country's new head

Bolaji Akinyemi, a former Nigerian for-

cign minister. "It is seriously divided. What is the strength of each faction?

Nobody knows. What is certain is that this is a very dangerous moment.

General Abacha, who was 54, gov-

eming in a style bordering on heightened

paranoia, left a military that is both

Africa's largest and perbaps its least

unified. Wave after wave of purges of

senior officers, show trials of suspected

opponents and long-sustained ethnic fa-

voritism in the officer corps have left

and dangerously suspictous of each oth-

tion," said one senior Nigerian general

in a recent interview. "This, nowever,

bunch of officers who come to think of

Foreign Troops

Arrive to Help

Guinea-Bissau

DAKAR, Senegal — Troops from Guinea have flown to help the

governmeol in neighboring Guinea-Bissau, which is struggling to over-

come a rebellion by elements of its

own army, a U.S. diplomat in Bis-

sau said Tuesday.
"Well-placed sources told me

that there are about 400 Guinea-

Conakry troops in the presidential

Diplomaoc sources also said they

had beard reports, which they could not confirm, that Senegal was assembling troops on its border with

Guinea-Bissau, ready to send them in to help President Joao Bernardo

Senegalese military sources

would only say that they were "vi-

gilant" and closely following the

The diplomats said they believed that the airport in Bissau had fallen

Early Tuesday, an attempt by loy-

The head of the rebel forces, the

alist troops to take a military com-

plex in the capital had been repulsed

former army chief, Ansumane

Mane, proclaimed himself head of a

military junta, and in a communiqué

sent to the Portuguese news agency

Lusa, called on General Vieira's

government to resign.

General Mane, whose dismissal

Saturday by General Vieira sparked

the revolt, said he intended to set up

a transition government to prepare

for "free and transparent" elections

after government troops apparently

failed to storm a rebel stronghold in

a military complex in the district of

Bra, near the Bissau airport. A U.S.

diplomai said government forces

were withdrawing. Lusa quoted the Portuguese am-

bassador in Bissau, Francisco Henriques da Silva, as saying that sporadic gunfire could be heard in

The statement was issued shortly

in the West African state.

various parts of the city.

under rebel control Tuesday.

situation in Bissau, the capital.

Vieira.

by the rebels.

palace who arrived by belicopters,"

said the diplomat, Brian Hunt.

'How divided is this military?'' said

of state, the army remains divided.

The booby traps be left in the nation's

looted into penury.

many small moons.

gravitate around this re-

gional giant like so

The Legacy of Abacha

Nigerians are in a state of mourning over divided — between those who wish to

An Unpopular Leader Leaves Nigerians

(And the Region) Fearful and Divided

NEWS

jor general and was formerly defense independence from Britain 1960 have all

many commanders deeply demoralized strikes and other demonstratioos against

made our lives in the army because we one of Africa's worst civil wars, have

were trained to believe that the military little difficulty imagining a cootinuation,

had something vital to offer to the na- indeed acceleration, of their oational

the results.

the army.

tragedy.

Together, the two epitomize the paradoxes of Italian life. The country is increasingly counting on tourism to fuel its economy and the Roman ruins of Pompeii - a frozen glimpse of the country's long-buried imperial past — are actually an engine of its future.

Meanwhile, the modern town of Pompeii suffers with organized crime, poverty and unemployment
— all the endemic contemporary back and hampered the growth of tour-

There is a kind of class warfare be-

peii loom above the surrounding modern town of Pompeii, poor, crime-prone, bridge the longstanding divide between ogly and studiously avoided by tour

themselves as permanent politicians. In

behaving this way, they are dragging us

get back to a classic republican army and others who have for years cherished

military power as a way to gain access to

the country's trough of abundant oil wealth — many oow fear an open and

General Abacha's uoexpected death came less than four mooths before a

loog-promised transition to democratic

civilian rule. But by the time be died

early Mooday, reportedly of a beart at-

tack, even those who bad been tem-

porarily willing to believe in the im-

probable gift of a democratic election

had long ago concluded that this stern

and secretive military man would de-

stroy the country in his attempt to keep

have dominated Nigeria's history since

put forth plans for a "transitioo to de-

mocracy." Even if the current high com-

mand is able to maintain a reasonably

united front and advance yet another.

there is no sign that the country's polit-

ical class will meekly sit back and await

Some democracy activists, already

suspecting the military has little inten-

tion of giving up power, have begue to

warn of the possibility of spreading nu-

rest. In the weeks leading to General

Abacha's death, street protests against

the military have erupted into small-

The seven military dictatorships that

potentially violeot split.

tight personal control.

With feelings this raw and opinions so

sum is not even close to enough. He is 2000.

the two lowns. But so far, it has mainly inflamed old rifts.

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Together the two enitomizes the parapromised the equivalent of \$31 million ist attraction, visited by 2 million people in state financing to get itself into shape a year. Only the Vatican, which is tech-. Mayor Sandro Staiano, 43, says that Four million visitors are expected in

> Modern Pompeii suffers with all the problems that have held southern Italy back and hampered the growth of tourism.

problems that have beld southern Italy seeking \$60 million more from private investors and views the millennium ready to seize its moment. boom as his town's last chance for sur-

But the site, bowever promising, is not ins.

Pompeii's ruins are falling further into ruin through neglect, erosion and van-dalism. Much bas had to be closed: Only veen the two.

"If we don't build new infrastructure dalism. Much bas had to be closed: Only and bring tourists here," he said with a sour smile, "we'll have another dedown from 64 in 1956. Frescoe are sprawl. Beyond its Roman walls, the stroyed Pompeii. Then, visitors will fading, walls are collapsing and 2,000-town of Pompeii, poor, crime-prone, come here and inspect our ruins."

ist attraction, visited by 2 million people a year. Only the Vatican, which is technically an independent state, gets more.

Four million visitors are expected in ment has also promised \$60 million for the site over the next three years. And this, too, is oot enough, its care-

"We need \$280 million just to protect and restore what we have," said Pietro Giovanni Guzzo, 53, superintendent of the Pompeli ru-

The \$60 million will be used for restoratioo and preservation, not for existing arehaeological work and oew excavations. Nor will it trickle down to the

Mr. Guzzo, who was appointed three years ago, said he was aware of the smoldering rancor of the town of Pom-

plan - not yet financed - to build public parks and picnic areas along the walls to bridge the divide between townand archaeological site.

'lt's true that we have to find a way to involve the town more in what we do.

The lown of Pompeii does have one famous shrine, the Madonna of Pompeii, which each year attracts more than 1.5. millioo religious pilgrims. Four million

are expected to journey there in 2000. Worshipers of the Pompeii madonna teod to be pious but poor, and they do not spend much money in the town. Nor do they frequent its hotels, most of whose 600 beds are rented out by the hour.

Tour groups bus thousands in every day to see the ruins and then race themoff to Naples or the resort town of Sor-rento, bypassing the town of Pompeii.

The town is inability to attract the de-velopment that would tempt tourists is a.

typically southern Italian problem. Its region, Campania, is prone to mndslides. and earthquakes as well as being deeply infiltrated by the Neapolitan Maria. known as the Camorra Legitimate businesses are reinctant to invest.

Construction, mostly Mafia-controlled, is shoddy and illegal. State money for public works projects has a history of getting diverted along the way. The three previous mayors of Pom-peii are awaiting trial on corruption charges. When local law enforcement officials want to tear down illegal housing, they call in the army to ensure that it

Mayor Staiano is well aware that his plan to select private investors to build hotels and restaurants may mainly lure criminal groops, and says local anticrime anthorities are on the alert.

Organized crime is not the main concern of Mr. Guzzo, but he has security concerns of his own at the archaeological site. He, too, is trying to change an entrenched system - in this case one of

patronage and bureaucracy. Pompeii has 140 custodians, civil servants who can almost never be dismissed. Pompeii guards are known to accept bribes to take tourists into closed areas. Mr. Guzzo recently tried to clamp down by ordering that all guards leave their keys in the front office. The order created such a fuss that he had to back down.

"Some of these costodians have the same last names as people who worked here in the 18th century," he said. "It's difficult to change in 3 years what has been going on for 250."

He is also struggling to resolve a debate raging between archaeologists and scholars over whether to dig more or restore what is already there. Only twothirds of the original city of Pompeii has been excavated. Beneath the Roman Pompeii, moreover, there are fragments of societies dating back to the Bronze

Mr. Guzzo, who is determined to save what he has before uncovering more, plans to offer Italian corporations a chance to sponsor Pompeii villas and pay for restoration and maintenance. But he said that sponsors preferred the more glamorous public-relations payoff of unearthing fresh sites.

"It's more romantic to find new things than conserve what you already know," he said with a weary smile.

Even so, some oew features intended for the millennium are already in place. Six villas have opened this year, as well as three new pathways, which allow visitors to stroll in shaded areas and even picnic among the ruins.

Other improvements, however, have created huge local uproars. The site's directors have decided to let businesses bid for franchises on several restaurants, bookstores and museum shops inside the ancient city's gates. This has infuriated local veodors whose livelihood depends on selling soft drinks, pizza, guidebooks and souvenirs outside the gates.

"We asked to go inside, but they only want big companies," Pietro Reggi. 23, complained from his souvenir stand. He has an accounting degree, be said, but explained that the only work available is

"They are speaking with the likes of Agnelli," he said, referring to the family that established Fiat. "We are noth-

Staring up resentfully at the walls, Mr. senior officer in the army during the late Reggi added, "Pompeii is a national treasure, but they are turning it into a



DELUGE IN HONG KONG — A man losing his footing Tuesday as a policeman watched after Hong Kong was hit by the heaviest rains this year. More than 150 millimeters fell during a seven-hour period.

LAGOS: Opposition Rejects Military Rule and Vows to Fight On Continued from Page 1

vention has ended the crisis, is now," said a statement issued Tuesday by United Acoon for Democracy, an opposition umbrella movement.

A broad range of opposition groups have called for an Abiola-led transition government to prepare a constitution scale riots, and opposition leaders had and elections for lasting democratic already announced plans for a series of rule.

But the opposition's hopes may be e army. unrealistically high. They have not re-Nigerians, still haunted by the 30- ceotly been able to sustain public protest against the military.

There are many of us who have year-old memories of the Biafra conflict, Nigerians are deeply apathetic and appear to want the army out of power, but, exhausted and impoverished by Nigeria's ecocomic paralysis, people have in Sierra Leone, Nigerian soldiers in- showo little readiness to risk does not include politics, and we have a tervened recently to restore the elected protest against the armed forces.

presideot, Ahmad Tejan Kabbah, who On April 25, Nigerians boycotted as a had been overthrown, and rout a guersham a legislative election called by rilla force that has been terrorizing mucb General Abacha. But a week later, they of the countryside. There, people from responded only feebly to an opposition street vendors to government officials call to march in the streets to demand expressed fear that disorder in Nigeria civilian rule. A protest, in the city of would cause that country to lessen its Ibadan turned into a riot, and seven commitment in Sierra Leone, perhaps demonstrators were killed.

allowing the rebels to make a Nigerian military and political analysts say the officer corps includes many "Abacba may have been hated in who see the army as corrupted by power Nigeria, but he saved us here, "said one and better off returning to the barracks. Sierra Leonean journalist. "If things go But General Abacha worked steadily badly in Nigeria, we will surely suffer while in power to scaner and suppress

again."

In other West African countries mouoting coocerns about stability in Ni
served General Abubakar, who served General Abacha as military chief geria have less to do with Nigerian mil- of staff, the top leadership appeared to dence from British colonial rule in 1960, itary involvements than with fears of a signal that there would be as little change huge refugee outflow. as possible. General Abubakar, a career officer who has oever previously beld a trouble for all of West Africa," said one political post, "is certainly not someone General Abacha — who had seized senior official from Ivory Coast. "A likely to lead a move toward civilian power in a coup — selected bim as his sinking Nigeria is big enough to swamp rule," said a Western analyst, who asked not to be named.



General Sani Abacha, Nigeria's former president, left, with General Abdusalam Abubakar, right, who was selected to succeed him, in a file photo.

the public demands, as opposed to Abacha, who sought only to crush

■ The Ninth Military Ruler

A career scrviceman, General Abubakar is Nigeria's ninth military ruler since the country gained indepen-The Associated Press reported.

Geoeral Abubakar, 55, emerged on

the national political scene in 1993 when

'At best,' he added, "he might turn that rewards its own and bonors unout to be a pragmatist who will listen to flagging loyalty; his first public words as head of state rang like a military order. 'All hands must be on deck to move this nation forward. I will address the nation in due course," he said.

Geoeral Abubakar was born June 13, 1942, in the town of Minna near the capital, Abuja. In the mid-1970s, be left the air force to join the army, which sent the family-oword stand. him to the United States for training.

In 1981, he was appointed commander of a Nigerian contingent attached to a UN peacekeeping force in Lebanon.

Rising through the ranks, be became a hief of staff.

1980s, finally coming to General Aba-He is a product of a military hierarchy cha's attention in 1993.

VISITS: Setback to Ties Between Koreas

Continued from Page 1

Japanese public has been embittered by the reports that Japanese were abducted, in some cases while walking along the beach, and smuggled to North Korea to serve as Japanese-language teachers or to allow their identities be taken over by North Korean spies.
The plight of Megumi Yokota, who

was 13 years old when she vanished from the Japanese coast in November 1977, has particularly moved the Japanese public and created a major obstacle to any effort to improve relations. A defector from North Korea has said that Miss Yokota was abducted and has been living in the North.

North Korea announced a few days and South Korea ago that it had conducted an exhaustive

The resumption search for these 10 Japanese, checking birth dates and other information, but had found no sign of them. Yet instead of laying the issue to rest, as the North perhaps hoped, the investigation was immediately rejected by Japan.

"We want to obtain some clues to this problem," Deputy Foreign Minister Shunji Yanai said Monday, adding that Japan probably would not resume nor-malization talks with North Korea until

with the suspension of the visits by the sides.

Japanese wives. No date was The Central News Agency said, "The military talks.

Japanese reactionaries' sustained talk about 'suspected abduction' will only betray the miserable plight of Japan and invite public condemnation for Japan's playing into hands of the South Korean-

puppets."
The news agency added that "Japan is a war criminal state which plunged Asia into disasters." The agency published accounts of World War II atrocities by soldiers whom it referred to in English as; Yet earlier Tuesday, in a sign of its

willingness to improve relations in other areas. North Korea agreed to restore channel of communication between 113 army and the United States-led forces arthe demilitarized zone between North The resumption of military talks, after

seven years in which they were set pended, is not expected to lead to all breakthroughs, but it could help resolve any crisis that erupted in the tense border

North Korea had pulled out of the earlier military talks in 1991 when a South Korean geoeral was put in charge. instead of the American officers who had previously represented the southern malization talks with North Korea until side. A long statemate developed, but there were some progress in finding the this year President Kim Dae Jung of missing people. South Korea agreed to put an American general in charge again, in the interests of blasts and, apparently, of boosting dialogue between the two.

No date was set for the resumption of

Clinton Is Confident Kim Can Lead Korea To Economic Recovery

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Celebrating Kim Dae Jung's personal victory over op-pression, President Bill Clintoo voiced confidence Tuesday that the South Korean president would lead a recovery

of his oation's economy.
"If one man can triumph over such great adversity, then surely the Korean people can surmount their current chal-lenges," Mr. Clinton said at the beginning of Mr. Kim's state visit to Washington.

Promising increased U.S. trade and investment, Mr. Clinton added: "The American people, including more than 1 million Korean-Americans, stand with

The state of the South Korean economy, which was the world's 11th largest before it sank as crisis gripped Asia, shadowed an otherwise sunny exchange of presidential greetings on the South Lawn of the White House.

Mr. Kim acknowledged that "the eyes and ears of the Korean people are focused" on his meetings with Mr. Clinton, which said he hoped would yield "a higher level of partnership, a higher friendship sharing the ideals of democ-

racy and free-market economy."

of North Korea were expected to dominate his visit here, coming just weeks under death senience from the military after India and Pakistan tested nuclear government that ruled South Korea. The weapons.



President Bill Clinton guiding President Kim Dae Jung of South Korea down the stairs at the end of a White House welcoming ceremony.

outgoing administration of President ald Reagan interceded to save his life.

Once considered a dangerous radical back home, Mr. Kim demonstration and South could wark receiv across man becomber. He was inaugurated at the bridge."

Mr. Kim has said an easing of sanctions Morth Korea would help age of 74 in February.

Concerns about the nuclear potential

Mr. Clinton recalled standing on the Jimmy Carter and that of President Ron- Bridge of No Return at the demilitarized zone that separates South Korea from the Communist North and said he "imagined a future where people from North and South could walk freely across that

> tions against North Korea would help ease tensions on the peninsula. The White House says any such gestures should be conditioned on North Korean fulfillment of promises to shun nuclear weapons.

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2 Die in North Iran In a Hospital Blast

TEHRAN - An explosion in a hospital in northern Iran killed two people and injured four others, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported Tuesday.

Two of the injured were in critical condition as a result of the explosion at the Totonkaran Hospital in the northern city of Rushi, the capital of Iran's northern Gilan Province, the agency said.

Earlier, the agency reported that the explosion killed one person and injured five others, it was not clear whether any of the injured had died of their wounds.

The cause of the blast was not immediately known but officials said that a gas leak from the heating installation was the cause.

Armed Algerians Said to Murder 11

ALGIERS — Armed groups have killed another 11 people. mostly in rural parts of Algeria, independent newspapers reported

Five farmers were slain in Faroukha, near Blida snuth of here. a paper. Le Matin, reported,

Two security guards of a government-owned farm and two inhabitants of Soumaa, near Blida, were killed by terrorists who wanted to steal chickens, the daily Khahar reported,

Khabar reported.

The guards fought back for more than an hour before two were killed and one wounded. A civilian was killed by a stray bullet, and another died while handling a bomb the terrorists had left, the paper said.

One person was killed and another injured in a bomb explosion in a village near the city of Tlemoen.

a village near the city of Tlemcen close to the Tunistan border. (AFP)

Guatemala Arrests 2d Man in Murder

GUATEMALA CITY - Authorities here have arrested a second suspect in the April murder of a hishop who had a key role in assessing guilt for atrocities commit-

ted durin the country's civil war.

Bishop Juan Jose Gerardi, 72, was killed on April 27 when his head was crushed by a concrete

Big Names Sign Letter **Criticizing War on Drugs**

By Christopher S. Wren

INTERNATIONAL

philanthropist George Soros has amassed signatures of hundreds of

state. George Shultz, the Nobel peace efforts. laureale Oscar Arias of Costa Rica, the Mr. former CBS television anchorman Walter Cronkite, two former U.S. senators, Alan Cranston and Claiborne Pell, and the South African human rights activist

The signers also include Mr. Soros, who has spent millions of dollars trying to change the way Americans think about illegal drugs. In the past, he helped finance referendums in California and Arizona in support of medicinal use of marijuana and programs that distribute clean needles to those who take illegal drugs by injection.

Ethan Nadleniann, said he initiated the project, and coordinated the letter, which drew roughly 600 signatures from around the world.

But the letter did not seem to sway participants at the General Assembly's special session. General Barry McCaffrey, the Clinton administration's director of national drug policy, called the letter, at 1950s, presention's of the drugs by injection.

The move was timed to coincide with struggle against drugs.

the UN General Assembly's special ses sion on combating drug abuse.

UNITED NATIONS — A drug reform institute financed by the billionaire

The letter was organized by the Lindesmith Center in New York, which advocates mire liberal drug policies, It is addressed to Secretary-General Kofi Annan, whose spokesman said Monday prominent people around the world on a letter asserting that the global war nn drugs is causing more harm than drug

The letter proposes no clear altem-The signers include a former United arives beyond asking Mr. Annan to take Nations secretary-general, Javier Perez the lead in "stimulating a frank and de Cuellar, a former U.S. secretary of honest evaluation of global drug control

> Mr. Soros said by telephone that he had not contributed directly to the cost of the Times ad but that the Lindesmith Institute, which he bankrolls, had.

The Lindesmith Center's president, Ethan Nadlemann, said he initiated the

letter "a 1950s perception" of the

Cutting Gulf Force, U.S. Pulls 12 Stealth Jets From Kuwait

WASHINGTON — The United States has withdrawo 12 F-117A Stealth attack jets from Kuwait in its reduction of military forces in the Gulf near Iraq. the Pentagon has disclosed.

Major Bryan Salas of the Marine Corps, a Defense Department spokesman, said Monday in response to questions that the 12 radar-evading fighters were flown home to Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico on Saturday and

That followed the receot return of eight B-52 bombers from the region and the removal of one of two U.S. aircraft carriers from the Gulf.

Six of the F-117As were sent to Kuwait last November as tension mounted between Baghdad and Washington over UN arms inspections. Another six were quietly sent later to Kuwait.

"They have been removed and brought back," Major Salas said. "Some were removed on Saturday and some on Sunday."

that it was reducing the U.S. military presence in the region by about half to early-November levels because Iraq had allowed unchallenged searches by UN arms inspectors for chemical and hi-ological weapons and because tensions in the region had subsided.

Among the warplanes scheduled to be returned from the Gulf are about 30 fighter jets, refueling aircraft and other

Secretary of Defense William Cohen said that U.S. forces, including B-52 hombers such as those returned to Louisiana from the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia, would remain op alert in the United States and could be re-turned to the area in 48 hours in any new emergency. About 1,200 aircraft will remain in the region.

A seoior air force officer, General Richard Hawley, called last Thursday for even deeper cuts in U.S. air power in the Gulf, citing stress on American personnel and the ability to send warplanes quickly to threaten Iraq in any oev

The Pentagoo announced this mooth crisis.

BOOKS

GANDHI:

By Yogesh Chadha. 546 pages. \$30. Wilev. Reviewed by

Colman McCarthy GANDHIAN scholars and others in the know have told me that regardless of the number of biographies I may have read on the Mahatma, the breadth and luminousness of his life (1869-1948) assures that new information

will keep turning up.
So it is in "Gandhi: A
Life." Yogesh Chadha, a New Delhi writer, uncovers what Louis Fischer and Judith M. Brown - to take two of the major Western hiographers missed in their seemingly thorough works: that in the spring of 1895, Gandhi, then practicing law in South Africa. made a day trip to a Trappist monastery near Durban.

Gandhi saw a brand of not found in conventional hi-Christianity at the Mariann ographies. Where Judith Hill community of 160 priests and brothers, and a separate enclosure of 60 nuns, that is is both literate and analytical rarely seen in Western relidescribes Gandhi's relagion. 'They rose at two tionship in the early 1930s o'clock in the morning, de-with Lord Irwin, Britain's voting four hours to prayer viceroy in India, Chadha does and contemplation." Chadha that and includes the full text writes. "They breakfasted at of a long letter from the Indian six on bread and coffee, and to the Englishman. It endures

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was at six in the evening, and by eight o'clock they were in bed. None of the brothers ate fish, fowl or meat, nor did they partake of eggs. ... No one drank alcohol, no one kept money for private use, no one left the confines of the community except on approved husiness, and there were no newspapers available. And yet everyone appeared happy, and visitors were received

with humble bows." The Trappists' self-discipline and collective living both linked to daily prayer and manual labor - awed Gandhi. Of his day among these Christians, he wrote in the Vegetarian, a British magazine: "You see religion everywhere. I know from personal experience that a visit to the farm is worth a voyage from London to Natal."

Chadha has other offerings - whose 1989 Brown "Gandhi: Prisoner of Hope"

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BEST SELLERS

the midday meal consisted of as one of the 20th century's saying only what it wasn't Nothing but organized nooized violence of the Brirish government," Gandhi wrote

> Ten days later Gandhi and 78 followers of strong will and stronger legs left their ashram near the city of Ahmedabad in a protest walk of 240 miles in 24 days to the sea at Dandi. This was the Salt March, taken to publicize the British government's ruthless tax and monopoly on salt. The march became a movement, with sevthe stopover villages along the way. A nationwide defiance of the salt tax followed.

known through his writing adulthood -- and his political successes in South Africa, where he changed discriminatioo laws, and in India, where he opposed the salt tax. His political goal was Britain's expulsion from India.

Seventeen years would pass before the British were forced to vacate India. Historians disagree on the breadth of pendence. Chadha argues that Gandhi "cannot be acclaimed as the author of India's freeform movement that dated Nor did he ever posture as the come them, however fallibly. leader of independence. What pute is that, as Chadha writes. achieved can be pointedly Chadha's effort.

The manner was nonviolence. Gandhi disliked the tar of the Center for Teaching

against abusive authority. saryagraha, the force of truth and love. It was twinned with violence can check the organ- ahimsa, the Jain commandment to live harmlessly. After a few jailings - Gandhi speni to the lord whose regime was 2,089 days in Indian prisons lording it over descrute India. and 249 in South Africa's -

he began avoiding the phrase 'passive resistance," with its errant suggestion that pacifism equals passivity. It is, instead, violent-free direct action organized to convert abusive power.

As with most Gandhi hi-ographers, Chadha records that the Mahatma walked the earth with feet emphatically eral thousand joining in from made of clay. He was an overly barsh disciplinarian with his four sons, temporarily discwne salt tax followed. ing ooe for wanting to marry at Gandhi was 61. He was age 18. (Gandhi himself had married at 13.) He quarreled 500 words a day during his with his brother Laxmidas over money. He refused to let his wife wear a necklace she

received as a gift. At 37, he embraced celibacy and denied sexual relations with his wife for the rest of her life. When she became ill while jailed for civil disobedience (not against her husband, unfortunately). Gandhi wrote to say he was Gandhi's role in Indian inde- too busy saving the world to come to her. For all of these offenses, Gandhi would sink into deep remorse. He had the dom." He came aboard a re- saving grace of self-awareness, the gift of sceing his own from his days in South Africa. flaws and the energy to over-

Uotil another Gandhi is well beyond historical dis- scholar comes along who digs deeper and can write more "the extraordinary manner in movingly, Gandhi scholar-which [India's freedom] was ship will be well served by

word, arguing that it was a Peace, wrote this for The negative, with nonviolence Washington Post.

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A Case for Force

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The explanation one hears from the

Pentagon is that the U.S. military is

stretched too thin to take on another

mission, what with 8,500 troops in

Bosnia and thousands more keeping

If this is sn. the generals have an obligation to tell Congress that they,

need more money. A modest peace-

ceeping operation in the former

Yugoslavia is well within the bouods

of what America should be able to

expect of its military. If the armed

forces don't have the resources, it's the

budget that should change, nnt U.S.

foreign policy.

Another explanation is that the American people, or Congress, will not support another U.S. intervention.

Congress does not like being misled, as

it was on how long U.S. troops would be in Bosnia, but there are indications

that it would accept America's respon-

sibility in Kosovo if dealt with bon-

estly. The public similarly would sup-

port a sensible missinn if Mr. Clinton

Certainly armed force should never

In Kosovo's case, the bumanitarian

What makes Kosovo different is

rationale is compelling, but not suf-

ficient; people are suffering in many

conflicts, from Eritrea tn Sri Lanka,

the likelihood that the fighting, if un-

checked, will escalate, threatening the

fragile peace in Bosnia and potentially

sucking in even Greece, Bulgaria nr

Then Mr. Clinton and his military

—THE WASHINGTON POST

wnuld bave no choice, and their task

the Taleban in Afghanistan and the mil-

stitutinn, law enforcement, interdic-

tion and other programs to cut drug

supply, these steps rarely deliver promised results, Where crop substi-

tution has been successful, drug cul-

tivation has simply moved next door.

increase in talk about the duties of

drug-consuming countries, but its prn-

posals are still tilted toward attacking

supply. Studies show that treatment

programs are far more cost-effective

than efforts overseas, but it is polit-

ically safer to advocate fighting drugs abroad than treating addicts at home.

gram virtually all the citizens' groups

and experts who wanted to speak.

There is no discussion of some in-

teresting new ideas such as harm re-

duction, which focuses on programs

like needle exchanges and methadone

that cut the damage drugs do. Like

previous UN drug conferences, this

one seems designed primarily to re-

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

dubious programs.

The United Nations kept off the pro-

The conference has seen a welcome

While there is a place for crop sub-

would be far more daunting.

Wrong About Drugs

itary in Burma.

and America can't save them all.

took the trouble to explain the need.

be used or threatened lightly.

The details of Slobodan Milosevic's

latest outrage are beginning to emerge:

250 dead, bundreds more injured, 50,000 left bomeless. Mr. Milosevic.

the Serbian leader, has unleashed tanks

and other beavy weaponry against de-

fenseless villages in the independence-

minded province of Kosovo. This is

precisely the kind of ethnic cleansing that the Clinton administration had

şaid repeatedly it would not allow. But

is 10 percent Serbian and 90 percent Albanian, Mr. Milosevic, by oppress-

ing the Albanian majority, bas been the

best recruiter for an independence

movement. Now he proposes to crush that movement militarily, a fruitless

endeavor but one that could spill war

into neighboring Albania, Macedonia

The United States, in response, bas

Manhattan is filled this week with

get in the way of effective programs to

likely to be approved, would attempt to

cut drug cultivation by bringing roads,

schools and other development to drug

areas. The notion sounds reasonable.

and it is surely better to help farmers

than to finance a militarized war on

drugs, which has tom apart societies and

built up some of the world's most repressive armies. But elements of Mr.

Arlacchi's plan are unrealistic and harmful. Half the funding would sup-

posedly come from drug-producing na-

He would also make partners out of such

bilingual educatioo itself was intended

to get students to par in English while

letting them keep up in their subject

classes -- just the consensus on what

In a resounding 60 percent victory,

proposents of the change signaled their

agreement that the now institutional-

ized means of reaching that goal

sbould be scrapped and something new

That the "something new" has a

somewhat old-fashioned sound to it —

a year of intensive English immersion

for all children - does not necessarily

mean that the oew approach must du-

torious sink-or-swim approach by

which students simply struggled, the

strong carching oo, the rest falling

The question to be tested by the new

programs, assuming that they survive

Those weaknesses included the no-

plicate the weaknesses of the past.

farther and farther behind.

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tried instead.

abusive and unreliable governments as

Mr. Arlacchi's proposal, which is

reduce drug use.

Kosovo is a province of Serbia that

its response so far is weak.

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imposed sanctions, withdrawn sanctions and, on Monday, imposed sanctions again. But sanctions will not deter hat. Mr. Milosevic, and sending NATO troops in patrol Kosovo's borders another option under discussion flag or would only help him. I'm tol let me • Ge

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world leaders attending a well-intentioned but misdirected United Natinns conference on drugs. With drugs more plentiful and cheaper than ever worldwide, the leaders are mostly extolling failed strategies to combat the problem. Pino Arlacchi, the Italian who heads the UN Drug Abuse Control and Crime Prevention Organization, is promising to eliminate coca leaf and opium poppies, the basis of cocaine and heroin, in 10 years. Such claims

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As British Prime Minister Tony Blair seems to realize, the Serbian dictator understands only the language of force. President Bill Clinton apparently understood that at one time, too, warning Mr. Milosevic that the United States would use force to keep him from solving this problem militarily. But now that the issue is more than hypotheocal, the White Hnuse seems eager to walk away from that cnm-

mitment. National security adviser Sandy Berger said on Monday that use of force was not "at this point on the iable," Subsequent clarifications by spokesmen did little to erase the dam-GOLI

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will leave students ready for functioning in a regular English-language non-English-speaking students toward success in school. Not the goal classroom?

As a starting assumption, is fast better than slow, challenge better than coddle — especially for children, whose language-learning abilities are at their peak?

Many who have struggled to learn foreign languages will see a basic common seose in this assumption, much as voters Hispanic and non-Hispanic seem to have done, while still worrying whether the scheme would afford eoough safety and flexibility to children who can't rise to the challenge. California bas a strong obligation, not to mention self-interest, in educating

those children, too. But it is by no means obvious that the California result signals a widespread desire to abandon them. Propooents insisted that, on the contrary, they wished only to save such children from educational limbo. And that is a worthy goal.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

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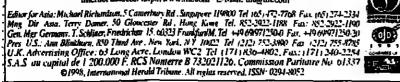
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America Needs to Patch Up Relations With Iran

WASHINGTON — On his way home from China, Bill Clinton

ought to stop in Iran. Yes, Iran. Looked at a map of South Asia lately? China's got the bomb. India's got the bomb. Pakistan's got the bomb. Let's see, who's next to Pakistan? Iran.

It is probably only a matter of time, a decade or less, before Iran, for its own geostrategic reasons, develops or acquires a nuclear device. Who knows, maybe Pakistan, reeling from sanc-tions, will sell Iran one. The nuly question is what regime will be in power in

Tehran with its finger on the trigger. A struggle is under way in Iran over exactly that question. The ontcome of that struggle is a vital U.S. strategic

interest. It must be defined as such. If Iran obtains a nuclear bomb and the most radical ayatollahs are in charge there, it will further undermine stability in the Middle East. If Iran obtains nuclear technology and the moderate forces now on the rise there can consolidate their hold on Iranian politics, it is possible that Iran can once again be a bulwark for stability in the regioo.

It is time the Uoited States stopped

By Thomas L. Friedman

debating whether to try to bolster the moderate — yes, moderate — new Iranian president, Mohammed Khatami, and started thinking about farreaching ways to strengthen him and the popular forces behind him.

Washington should be doing everything it can to encourage U.S.-Iranian contacts, from soccer to diplomatic dialogues to cultural exchanges, and to lay out a specific road map of what it wants from Iran now, and what Iran could expect in return. It is time for a Nixon-to-China-like, bold U.S.-Iranian initiative.

Stopping, or at least slowing down, Iran's acquisitioo of nuclear technology must remain a top U.S. objective, even if it means sanctioning Russian onclear-export companies. It is necessary for the stability of the Middle East, but it is not sufficient. If America focuses only on preveoting Iran from going nuclear hy isolating it, without also focusing on who in Iran has his finger on the trigger, it will be making a strategic blunder.

Wake uo! Smell the Turkish coffee! The Iranian people stunned Tehran's hard-line leadership last year by rejecting the conservative candidates and electing Mr. Khatami in a landslide, embracing his platform of permitting greater cultural, personal and political freedoms. Ever since, a low-grade civil war has been under way between the

pro- and anti-Khatami forces. Last mooth two seninr clergymen on the watchdog Council of Guardians anacked Mr. Khatami for his policies of opening Iran to the world. Two weeks ago the supreme religious guide and chief hard-liner, Ayatollah Sayed Ali Khamenei, turned up at Tehran University to address the studeots in an effort to puncture the outpourings of support there for President Khatarni.

After the commander of the Revolutionary Guards told a closed meeting of his officers that be would "cut the necks and tongues" of Iran's new liberal press, he was denounced and had to back off from his remarks, saying he had been misunderstood.

The most important forces in Iran today are the students, the women and

the middle classes broadly defined, said Shaul Bakhash, an Iran expert at George Mason University. "Those forces, all of which are militating for a more open society and the rule of law. are strengthened today, not weakened. by Iran's economic development and is interaction with the West. The way to strengthen these forces further is by helping Khatami further open Iran in-

ternationally and develop it rapidly."

Nothing would advance U.S. interests in the Middle East more than if this struggle were woo by those who want Iran to become a law-abiding member of the world community.

The United States cannot bring about an end to Saddam Hussein, or produce a radical Arab-Israeli breakthrough, or really prevent the spread of ouclear technology in the Middle East, without a different Iran.

Whether Iran is actually capable of being a pivot of stability is unclear. It needs to be tested. But the potential is there. Unlike elsewhere in the Middle East, in Iran the people are now leading a genuine movement for change.

The New York Times.

Seen From Israel, the Signs Point to a Nuclear Arms Race

TEL AVIV — A few hours ■ before Pakistan conducted its second series of nuclear tesis last month, its radar screens identified enemy fighter planes resembling U.S.made F-16s entering Pakistani airspace, India flies Sovietmade MiGs, so the Pakistanis concluded that the intruding blips were Israeli fighters pre-

paring to attack their nuclear facilities on behalf of India. Nawaz Sharif's government issued a strongly worded statement warning India of a ''pain-ful response'' should India try to destroy its nuclear facilities. Meanwhile, it secretly contacted the Israeli government

seeking clarification. The Israeli ambassador in Washington hurriedly telephoned his Pakistani counterpart to assure him that Israeli fighters were not in the area.

Pakistani fears of an Israeli strike were not groundless. Since 1972, when Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutio ordered his natinn's nuclear physicists to build a bomb, Israel's worst strategic nightmares have revolved around an 'Islamic bomb.'

Israeli fears that Pakistan would share its nuclear knowhow, technology and materials with other Muslim countries brought Israel and India closer Pakistan for its achievement

tries established full diplomatic relations, they clandestinely cooperated on defense and intelligence matters. In 1994, after India and Israel opened embassies in Tel Avivand New Delhi, they formalized defense cooperation in an agreement. Since then, collaboration has

intensified India's leading defense scientist, the nuclear weapons expert A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, visited Israel several times in 1996 and 1997, along with several other top Indian scientists. Senior Israeli scientists reciprocated with visits to India.

A few days after India tested its nuclear devices last month. a top-ranking delegation from the state-owned Israel Aircraft Industries toured India. The purpose of the visit was to accelerate the sale of Israelimade pilotless aircraft and seato-sea missiles.

To some Israelis, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, the Pakistani nuclear tests are just another manifestation of the monolithic Muslim world out to destroy the Jewish state, Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi's sudden visit to Islamabad to congratulate

By Yossi Melman

together. Before the two countries established full diplomatic Some senior officials and intelligence experts disagree. 'I do not see an immediate Pakistani-Iranian cooperatioo in the ouclear field," says a seninr intelligence analyst. In truth. Iran has much

closer diplomatic relations. larger commercial accounts and more defense contacts with India. On several occasions, Israeli officials bave expressed coocern about this evolving relationship.

Still, the lessons to be drawn from the Indian and Pakistani tests are alarming to Israel. The most obvious is that if a country with the basic scientific and technological infrastructure to build a bomb decides to go nuclear, no one can stop it.

The possibility of a nuclear arms race has long lurked in the background of strategic thinking about the Middle East. Now such a competitioo seems more possible than ever. Imposing economic and military sanctions seems to make no difference to a country determined to develop a nuclear capability.

A recent report by the Israeli military intelligence's research department for Mr. Netanyahu asserts that it is only a

ouclear capability. Once it has the bomb, its swom enemy Iraq is likely to have it, too.

Israel has never admined to having nuclear bombs. The official policy, repeated by successive governments, is that it will not be the first to introduce nuclear weapons into the region. This policy is crafted to create ambiguity and deflect international pressure while

keeping adversaries bonest.

But if Iran bnilds a bomb. Israel loses its nuclear mono-

poly in the region. It could send its air force on mission to destroy Iranian nnclear facilides, repeating the successful attack against Iraq's 17 years ago. Iran bas learned the lessons of that attack and hardened and dispersed its facilities. In any case, Israel is unlikely to initiate any such assault. The political and strategic tamifications would be too far-reaching.

In addition, many experts doubt whether Iran, rhetoric notwithstanding, seriously considers Israel an enemy. "It is more likely that an Iranian nuclear warhead will create a stronger headache for Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Egypt, an Israeb intelligence official says.

Or Israel could change its .: Los Angeles Times. .

matter of time before Iran de- nuclear policy from ambiguity welops its own military-related to clarity, declaring that it curles canability. Once it has wants to join the nuclear club. But neither the international community oor Israel is ready: for this approach.

Interviews with cabinet ministers, opposition leaders. Knesset members and military experts indicate no enthusiasm for any change in policy. "It is better for us to remain ambiguous, 'says former Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

If preempting Iran's atomic ambitions and declaring membership in the nuclear club are unrealistic, the emerging choice seems to be an accelerated nuclear arms race.

Nuclear weapons in Iranian, and possibly in Iraqi, hands would compel Israel to stay ahead in terms of both conventional and nonconventional weapons. Based oo past logic and the experience of the U.S.-Soviet nuclear arms race, this means that Israel will have to develop a second nuclearstrike capability.

By year's end the navy will

receive the first of its two modern submarines built in German shipyards.

China Has Made an Effort and Now Wants Its Reward

By David Shambaugh

P EIJING — Chinese-Amerback on track. A new, more positive atmosphere is apparent. Can the momentum be sustained and a more cooperative

relationship established? Discussions with Chinese civilian and military officials evince little of the hostility toward the United States that was evident only a year ago. These officials seem satisfied that Washington is no longer at-temptiog to "cootain" China or undermine the Communist regime. They think that Beijing has acted responsibly to meet

many American demands. In the human rights arena, Cbina has released and sent into exile imprisoned dissidents Wei

GENEVA — No ooe can be sure of the exact size

of the black economy in West-

by the European Commission

estimates that it equals up to

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Since these activities are carried out in defiance of fiscal,

labor and other laws and reg-

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erosion of respect for the law.

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signed the UN Covenant on Economic and Social Rights. and promised to sign the UN Covenant on Political and Civil Rights. It has invited Mary Robinson, the UN high commissioner for human rights, to visit China, and received human rights teams from a number of countries.

In security affairs, China has cut off its nuclear assistance and missile transfers to Iran and Pakistan; adhered to the parameters of the Missile Technology Control Regime, although it is oot a member, become a supporter and full participant in the ASEAN Regional Forum on security; stopped criticizing U.S. Jingsheng and Wang Dan, It has military forces and alliances in

Tame Europe's Black Economy

By Bimal Ghosh

Large enterprises — suc-cessful fashion houses in

France and Italy, and skill-

intensive industries such as

software development - rely

on the black economy to gain

Employers in the black

economy seek irregular im-

migrants, not just because

they are cheap but also be-cause their vulnerability

makes them easier victims of

exploitation. From 250,000 to

300,000 irregular immigrants

eoter Europe every year. They often live in ghenos or

in hiding, and have virtually

on access to advancement.

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Should governments try to

dismantle the black economy

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The underground economy

in industrial countries should

oot be equated with informal-

sector activides in developing

countries, where they often

serve as an essential part of the

survival strategy of the poor. Even so, the underground

economy in industrial econo-

mies shows a remarkable in-

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a competitive edge.

East Asia; refrained from further aggressive actions in the South China Sea and the Taiwan Strait: entered into broad-ranging military relationships with America and other nations.

security by joining the nuclear nonproliferation treaty, the treaty banning nuclear tests, and conventions to outlaw chemical and biological weapons. Beijing has joined Washington combat terrorism, organ-

ized crime, narcotics traffic. smuggling of migranis, piracy and eovironmental dangers. To help ease tensions on the Korean Peninsula, China has

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China has demonstrated its frozen Pyongyang's nuclear commitments to international weapous development program. In the Asian financial crisis, China has contributed several billion dollars to help Thailand and Indonesia stabilize currencies; held firm in not devaluing the Chinese renminbi; refrained from meddling in Hong Kong's financial sector during its crisis;

> ailing Asian economies; taken several steps to stabilize its own economic problems. Having met these and other American coocerns, Beijing

generally been supportive of ef-

now says it is time for Washington to reciprocate. Chinese officials and experts indicate that they would like lifted all remaining sancoons imposed by the United States after the 1989 killing of prodemocracy demonstrators in

Tiananmen Square. Beijing also wants Washington to support China's positions in the negotiations on its application to join the World Trade Organization.

lief in North Korea with food, Most of all, it seeks steps conplicit assurances that Taiwan constructive partner in the fourparty talks with the United States falls outside the scope of new and North and South Korea to U.S.-Japan Defense Guide bring about a permaneot peace lines, and that Washington will treaty; worked to apply the alnot provide the island with theat-

temaove energy plan that has er missile defense protection. Beijing also wants explicit written assurances of complete U.S. conformity with the August 1982 joint communiqué on arms sales to Taiwan. China says the United States has repeatedly violated the comminiqué's qualitative and quantitative ceilings by providing Taiwan with F-16 fighters, Perry and Knox class frigates. EC-2T early warning aircraft. forts by the IMF to restructure and Patriot-like anti-ballistic

missile batteries. Unless Washington gives these assurances, Beijing ap-pears prepared to slow down the new momentum in relations and restrict the further development of bilateral ties. Chinese leaders argue that President Bill Clinton's visit to China from June 25 to July 3 is the time to ad-

The writer, director of the Sigur Center for Asian Studies ot George Washington Universiry in Washington, contributed this comment to the Internanonol Herold Tribune.

1898: Colonial Wood

'Temps' pointed to the reasoo why English colonies enrich Great Britain while French colonies impoverish France. Nearly all the wood used in paving the streets of Paris comes from Australia, and another British colony has just come forward to dispute the monopoly. Now. France possesses huodreds of thousands of acres of forest land in her colonies, but no one looks after the sale of the wood, hence Paris is paved with wood supplied by England.

1923: Italian Genius

the Italian engineer Antonio Meucci as the inventor of the telephone, instead of Alexander Graham Bell, has been officially made by the Italian Government. Premier Mussolini

the United States rendered a decision in Meucci's favor in 1888, declaring that the Bell telephone should be called instead after the Italian inventor. The Premier concludes, "We Italians must make another vindication by counting among the most splendid glories of our genius that of the inventor of the telephone, Antonio Meucci.

BELGRADE - Communis

leaders in eastern Europe are facing a "crisis of quality"
their parties are swollen with workers and peasants who have not shed their petty bongeois backgrounds, Maryas Rakos, geoeral secretary of the Communist party of Hungary, says in the organ of the Cominform Rakosi proposes purges as a correcting measure plus tentporary ooo-acceptance of ment

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OPINION/LETTERS

What's Doing in Washington? Not Much

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WASHINGTON
Traveling in America's
West for almost three weeks, managers tell you they are I met dozens of people laboring under the impression school students. The Harris Hill. that the oatioo's capital is poll reports that its "feelconsumed by scandal and acgood index" is at a high. complishing almost nothing. Now that I'm back I can see

they are, gulp, dead right. Here are the things people in Washington were buzzing about on my returo:

Monica Lewinsky has changed lawyers.

President Bill Clinton, back from Europe and eager 10 leave for China, is fighting the independent counsel Kenneth Starr in the courts.

The Senate is hung up on obacco legislation. The topacco legislation. House, having failed to launch a constitutional amendment to restore prayer to public schools, may or may not get around to voting, once again, on campaign finance reform. The budget for next year, which was due two months ago, is still oot finished.

Look at that list and you can see wby sensible citizens from Odessa, Texas, to Davis, California, shrug with indifference when the topic of the federal government is raised - if they are polite enough not to grimace.

The economy everywhere is thriving. "Help Wanted" become tedious to the vot signs fill store windows and Enough already, they say.

By David S. Broder

fighting each other for out-of-

The energy and optimism of the private sector provide a stunning contrast to the political lethargy and sourness of Washington. Congress will recess for the Joly 4 holiday, and then again in August, but already politicians on Capitol Hill are mumhling about "running out of time" to pass even routine legislation, let alone to tackle the more con-

Stalling has become a way of life in Washington. The Republican Naoonal Comitol Hill blast the "do-nothing Congress." They are both right. Mr.

Starr investigation was to slow it down, stretch it out, resist it

The same time-killing syndrome has infected Capitol bill of rights.

Opponents of the tobacco bill are throwing one nongermane amendment after an-other onto it, clearly hoping to delay the day when all 100 senators will actually have to vote whether to curb the industry's marketing machinations. If they wait long enough, they figure the House cuts and partial-birth abortion will not get around to acting on the measure — and they are probably right.

alone to tackle the more con-tendous items on the agenda. Much the same thing is go-tendous items on the agenda. reform oo the House side. Op-ponents there have flooded the hopper with hundreds of mittee puts out a press release amendments. They know that urging President Clinton to eveo if a bill emerges, the playing the 'delay later it is, the easier it will be '' Democrats oo Cap- to filibuster it to death in the to filihuster it to death in the

Much of what is happening is a game of political Clinton long ago decided his charades, acting out slogans best tactic for dealing with the for the November campaign. Mr. Clinton uses his radio addresses and the public appearevery step of the way. If one of ances that accompany his frethe goals was to bore the public quent fund-raising forays in death, it is succeeding. The around the country to berate day by day shenanigans at the Republicans in Congress for federal courthouse, where the not swallowing the juicy Starr grand jury is sitting, have morsels he offered Democrabecome tedious to the voters. tic constituencies in his State of the Union address.

dreo's day-care legislation to smite the Republicans; the oext it is a medical patients'

Republicans are playing the same politics for the benefit of their core supporters. They send a school vouchers bill to the White House, knowing it will be vetoed. They make a show of trying to restore school prayer, knowing they lack the votes. Tax bans are still to come.

These diversions may be regarded as harmless, except that they poison the atmo-sphere for constructive collaboration on things that acnually maoer.

The impasse has stripped the United States of important tools for exerting its leadership in world affairs.

Last year. Congress re-fused to give the president "fast track" oegotiating authority to tear down barriers to international trade.

The U.S. debt to the United Nations remains unpaid be-cause of deadlock over irrelevant abortion policy, even as America tries in use the UN to handle international drug trafficking, India-Pakistan nuclear brinkmanship and ethnic strife in the Balkans.

And Congress refuses to help with additional funds for the IMF, the mechanism for dealing with currency prob-lems that could destabilize the world economy.

America does not lack the resources to meet any and all of these challenges. But it lacks the leadership — as the country clearly sees.

The Washington Past.

The '60s Produced a Better America

WASHINGTON — Thirty years ago this month I went to work for The Washingtoo Post, having spent all of the previous decade either in college, in the army or working while going to school at night. I fashioned myself a '60s sort of guy and I had all the recoisite experiences to back

I was precisely the person the right wing hlames for everything it doesn't like about America. Tough, I have no

up my claim.

In fact, I am proud of my generation
— we scruffy druggies of myth and,
with some people, fact. We are blamed

MEANWHILE

for a whole lot now, but the reality of what America was like before my gen-eration got its hands on the country came back to me on the anniversary of Robert Kennedy's death, and with the recollections of John Lewis, now a congressman but once a civil rights as if it were, in some ideological-politleader who got beaten up for insisting on being treated as an American. In 1965, in Alabama, that was not the sort

of thing a black man did. It was that conjunction, Kennedy and Lewis, that said so much.

By the time Robert Kennedy was killed in 1968 he had become America's foremost critic of President Lyndon Johnson's Viemam policy.

Mr. Lewis, a one-time aide to Martin Luther Kiog, bad joined Mr. Kennedy in California for the primary. He was in Mr. Kennedy's hotel suite wheo, down below, the candidate was being murdered. The two personified the great struggles of the 1960s - civil rights and the and-war movement. Both causes triumphed in the end,

and they were both frontal assaults oo

By Richard Coben

When the '60s began, it was simply assumed that the government had the unquestioned right in draft a young man and send him to fight anywhere it chose, and for any reason it chose. The Until then, the alley was where many 60s changed that.

You could argue about whether it was wise for the United States to get out of Vietnam. I think it was, but 1 rights revolution, oot the anti-war understand the counterargument. Nonetheless, the '60s established a principle that, at the very least, the government ought to get the consect of the governed before sending conscripts into a war that has nothing to do with self-defense. This is not a bad idea.

To a large extent, the '60s were about personal freedom, a concept you would think conservatives would support. But for some reason the writings of conservatives, their speeches and their mailings, hearken back to the '60s ical-cultural way, the functional equivalent of the Great Depression.

Newt Gingrich, for one, can hardly give a speech without mendoning the '60s when, in his formulation, everything went wroog.

A lot did — too many drugs, too much sex and too much (for my ears) rock 'n' roll. There was too much intellectual intolerance as well, especially when it came to the Vietnam War, and there was too much silly sloganeering. But an era that saw a spike driven into the heart of Jim Crow and accelerated the liberation of women was hardly a disaster for the country.

Bill Baird comes to mind in that regard. In 1967, the accivist was arrested after a Boston University speech for giving an unmarried female smdent the system as it then existed.

Wheo the '60s began, Jim Crow was

That sort of thing was illegal then in condom and contraceptive foam. still in place in much of the South. Massachusens, as was the selling of

contraceptive devices — never mind abortion — in some other states.

It was not notil the 1972 Supreme Court decision Eisenstadt v. Baird that the right in contraception was extended to unmarried people. A year later, the court made abortioo a right as well.

I had nothing to do with any of this. not the sexual revolution, out the civil

The era brought reproductive rights for women and the end of Jim Crow.

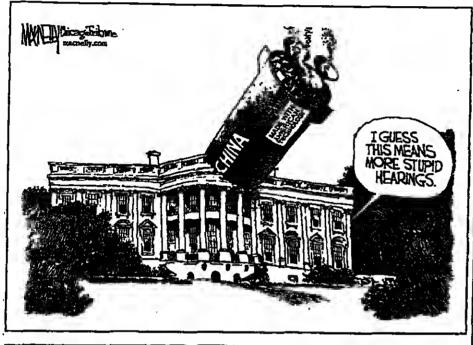
movement. I cheered, often silently, as others challenged the status quo, often risking, and sometimes losing, their tives. Bobby Kennedy in a way was coe. So were James Chaney, Michael Schwerner and Andrew Goodman, civil rights acovists murdered in Mis-

sissippi in 1964.

They wanted blacks to be able to vote. The '60s were a ome for fools, for sure. But it is the heroes we will re-

It is fashionable now to extol the 1950s, that supposedly enchanted era when crime, divorce and, eveo, oeurosis were unknowo, when women stayed home to tend their kids, cook for their husbands and sing Patti Page songs. Some of that is true, of course, but it was also a repressive, suffocating era for many womeo and for minorioes of almost any kind — racial, religious. cultural, ideological. The '60s changed all that, and in so doing changed the United States for the better. Good work. guys.

The Washington Post



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Help Kosovo

The time is ripe for interdecisions should be made French) Should Be Surimmediately. A series of prised (June 4): meetings by international political and military inso- understood that strange and tutions are to take place typical French behavior: rethis week to seek a response to Serbian aggressioo against Kosovo's Albanian citizens.

The world cannot say about or has had oo experience with Serbian aggression. Serbian wars have been carried out in other parts of the former Yugoslavia, profit. most harshly in Bosnia. The Bosnian war was stopped thanks to the United States and NATO.

Postwar analyses indicate that delay in the use of force was perhaps the worst mistake of the international community in handling the Bosnian crisis.

Efficient and timely action hy the international community would defeat war and ethnic cleansing projects in Kosovo and strengthen the prospect for a peaceful resolution of this conflict.

The nonviolent movement of 2 million Albanians under the leadership of Ibrahim Rugova has contributed to peace and a poliocal settlement in Kosovo over the past nine years. It has resisted Serhian occupation and worked A Japanese View for Albanians' right to democracy, self-determination and independence.

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Cynical Capitalism

The writer has not fully sistance to "modernism." Things are probably more

complex. I do oot think we French people globally reject change. What we do oot acit does oot know enough cept is injustice. We do oot accept a form of capitalism that is playing havoc with societies and destroying the planet - all for short-term

> Many of us had thought in more for more people. It has not. Do you think we are prepared to work like slaves for cynical corporations that announce huge profits and massive layoffs on the same day? Globalization might have been a wonderful op-portunity for mutual enrichment, but it has turned out instead to mean the exploitation of poor people — many of them children — while

Some people — French, for example - are not willing to go hack to Charles Dickens's time.

brilliant financial results.

PIERRE LAGET.

Regarding "Tojo Film" (Letter, June 4):

For the writer the eothusiastic reaction of Japanese audiences to the film "Pride, the Fateful Moment" shows that Japan remains out of step with the rest of the world. For me it shows that Japan is at

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last looking at its history with its own eyes, breaking free of Regarding "Pilots' Wolk- the version of history im-

YOSHIO NAKANISHI

Burma's Health

Since assuming power in 1988, the Burmese military junta has transformed the country into one of the most backward and repressive in Asia. The continuing deterioration of the economy, and a leadership more interested in holding on to its own privileges than in the welfare of its people, have significantly that capitalism would result hurt the health of the Burmese people, particularly women

and children. According to Unicef, the national infant mortality rate in 1996 was 105 per 1,000 live hirths, compared with 33 in Vietnam, 31 in Thailand and 11 in Malaysia. One miltion Burmese children are reported to be malnourished, 9 to 12 percent of them

The health of the populaoverpaid executives boast of ooo cannot be isolated from the policial situation in the country. Uoder present condidoos, it is possible that the people's health will continue to deteriorate. The only way to reverse this situation is for the government to revise its priorities and set the health and well-being of the people above its military coocerns. CESAR CHELALA.

New York.

The writer is an internaconcl medical consultant.

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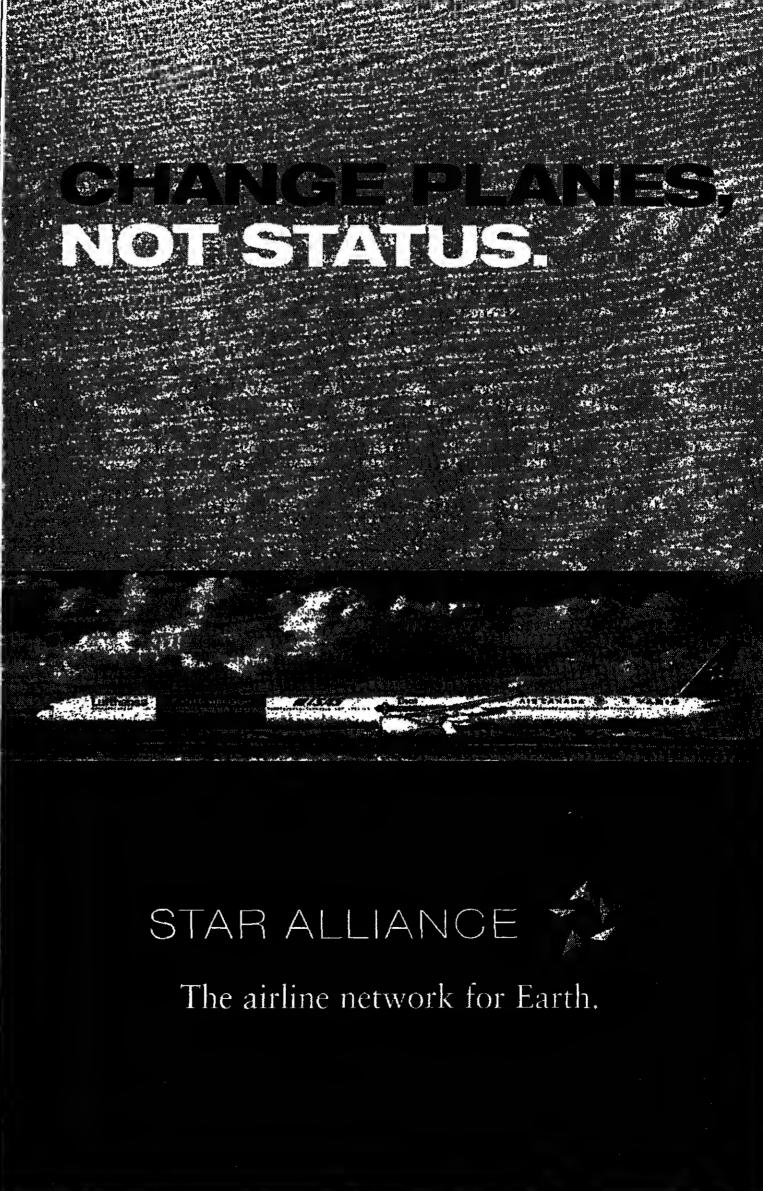
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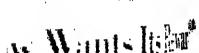
Last year, in an effort to be well-equipped for a few years to come, I got myself an IBM Thinkpad 560 and the latest Microsoft software. It took me six months to get everything going, in part because I got so frustrated by compalibility problems that I let the whole machine sit for a few weeks until I finally tried

Meanwhile I used my old no-oame Chinese laptop, vintage 1992, which worked perfectly well (though I had oo Internet access). It took hours on the phone

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with IBM, Microsoft and CompuServe to get the communications features of my new computer to work. HARMUT GREBE.





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in the '60s and to sing about Voodoo Child was courageous.' She covers it on her new alhum "Oremi" (Island). If a European rock band adds percussion, and/or an oud or a finger piano.

they are considered to be going back to the roots. But when African musicians put a synthesizer and funk licks into the mix, purists say they are crossing over into pop music for the money. The crossover problem seems to get

worse and worse. Crossover can be defined as stylistic foul play. It is being said that Kidjo's music has crossed over from the world music category. Into exactly what, however, she is not sure: 'I'm an African person bringing my culture to the Western world. I am using technology. And thythm and blues. And jazz. I make it available for you by combining your tools with mine. But then they say it's not pure."

Her albums sell something like 100,000 copies worldwide. Island Records wants to promote her as a rhythm and blues act. She has been called the 'African funk diva of world music."

who decide what names to give all of those categories? Who thought np "African funk diva" for instance? Somehody secure in the knowledge of exactly what everything really is; and that it can all be conveniently divided up.

People who consider themselves to be "purists" make Kidjo laugh. "I used to argue about this sort of stuff but it's too stupid. Nature provides variety. Nature is not pure, for godsakes. You cannot go against oature. There is noth-

ing 'pure' in this whole world."
Her father ran a photography studio. Her mother was a theater producer and choreographer. Angelique started dancing at age 6. After her brother formed a rock band, her father hought equipment for them and they rehearsed at

"Come and do your homework," her mother would say. "I can't I'm listening to music,"

Angelique would reply. Imitating a succession of spent-en-ergy pants. Kidjo's tongue is hanging out. In the air-conditioned comfort of her record company's conference room, she describes the crush and the heat and the fatigue she felt when surrounded by a crowd of admirers in the airport, when she came to Benin for a rare visit

The people at the airport all wanted her to nooce them. They wanted to touch her. A small West African country. Benin does not boast many international stars. There are girls in West Africa who dress and cut their hair like her; a prize is awarded in Benin for the best imitation of Angelique Kidjo.

It was after one of her long tours (she has even toured Australia). She just

longer possible. She makes the best of it. A small, energetic woman, always on the move, she went dancing, wrote songs, talked to the media, hung out with her girlfriends from school. "You're crazy," one friend told her. "You come home to rest and then you never atop." 'I'll have plenty of time to rest when

She writes her songs by singing them into a tape recorder and her French husband, who plays the hass, programs them into a computer. "Thank God he's here, and thank God for computers." She's always asking him to work

"This is your revenge for slavery." he says. "I'm your slave 'What do I know about computers?

Computers are for white people."
"If this is slavery," he smiled, "I'm She describes her husband as "damn white. He can't even take a tan. People ask me, 'How can you marry such a white man?' I say 'He's just a man. I

don't see any color. Red is the only color she recognizes, everybody has red blood: "Do you think it would be better if we all looked the same? Just one color everywhere

would be so boring. 'Oremi'' is the first album of a trilogy-in-progress geared to the black Diaspora. Released last month, it speaks to African Americans. So that she can say: "I know what I'm doing, writing for you guys," she worked on most of "Oremi" in America. Branford Marsalis plays on it.

Volumes two and three will be dialogues between Africa - "the mother

A Whirlwind From Benin Rebels Against the Inevitable Labels Think about it. Who are the people wanted a quiet visit with her family like contineot" — and Brazil, Cuba, Haiti ho decide what names to give all of anybody else. Unfortunately that is no and New Orleans: "I will go to each place to look at the lay of the land. Then I will think and meet people and the real sense will only come when I start work-

ing."

She switches effortlessly between English and French (she sings in French, English, Yoruba and Fon, her naove tongue): "Je suis une aventuriere." (A verbal adventurer for sure - she appears to love to live on the border of the pulitically incorrect.)

Now in her 30s, Kidjo left Benin for Paris in 1983 to study law. Then she began to sing and record music that would be classified as "Afro-funk" and "Afro-jazz fusion." The idea for the trilogy came after seeing the TV series based on Alex Haley's "Roots."

URISTS criticize her music:
"It isn't African any more." they say. Why do they have to put us all in the same hole?" she asks, shaking her head and repeats, dis-believing: "Afro-funk!" What do you call English music? Please tell me so that I can explain my music to you. Does anybody ask the Rolling Stones if they play English music?

'I doo't know what to call the music I'm making. I just put everything I've gut together. Bingo. If it's a tabla, put it there. A violin? It goes here. I don't want to think about it. What are all these categories abont, anyway? Why don't they just file all the records in one category from A to Z?

Now there's a simple solution to the crossover problem. Want Kidjo? Just look in the K hin. "Music brings us all together," she says. "But then they try
to put it through the eye of a needle."



Angelique Kidjo: "There is nothing 'pure' in this whole world."

Film Casts a Harsh Light on a Driven Priestess of Grunge Rock

By Jon Pareles New York Times Service

TEW YORK - Courtney Love has a genius for alienating people. That's one indisputable fact that emerges in "Kurt and Courtney," a new documentary by Nick Broomfield.

Ex-boyfriends, ex-employees, acquaintances and even Love's father are more than happy to say nasty things about her. Many accuse her of complicity, or worse, in the death of her husband, Kuri Cobain, who brought grunge punk to the American masses as the leader of Nirvana. "Harpy" and "vampire" are two of the gentler descriptions of Love. The film is almost

enough to create a backlash of sympathy for her. Almost. Cobain's death in April 1994 and Love's subsequent trans-

aking

formacion from a grunge Fury to a designer-dressed movie to kill Cobain, says he knows who "whacked" Cobain and is actress have left her stranded between pop-culture archetypes. Is she a conniving would-be star who used her music and husband as stepping stones to fame? Is she an ex-punk who, unlike Cobain, couldn't resist selling out to Hollywood success? Or is she, as some of the people in "Kurt and Courtney" believe, a character out of film noir, coldly plotting the death of her naive husband to get her hands on his money?

Broomfield, the drolly subjective narrator of his own film, went to Seattle to report on Cobain's life and death. Cobain was officially ruled a suicide; he was found dead from a shotgun blast, with heroin in his blood and a handwritteo letter and identification near his body. Love refused to be interviewed by Broomfield, and refused to allow the use of Nirvana's songs in the film; her clout appareotly caused Showtime to withdraw financing from Broomfield part way through the project.

Dave Grohl and Krist Novoselic of Nirvana are also absent. Broomfield was left with tales of conspiracy to murder, cooflicting interpretations of the evidence at the death scene and hearsay about Love's intense interest in her husband's will.

In the film, Love is no charmer, Several people interviewed in the film insist that Love has something terrible to hide. (One. El Duce of the Mentors, asserts that Love offered him \$50,000

found dead shortly afterward, spurring more conspiracy theories.) There are, however, some possible alternative explanations for Love's stonewalling. Perhaps she had been talking about Cobain's will because she was worried about his committing suicide or overdosing. She had recently had their child,

Frances, and many people make wills when children are born.

Perhaps she didn't want to discuss Cobain's death for the film because the topic was painful for her, or because she thought she had said enough in a public memorial during which she read his final letter in tears. Perhaps, after flaunting all sorts of things about her past to the press, she was having second thoughts about doing any more interviews, Perhaps she wanted the whole thing to go away.

Even under ordinary circumstances, the punk-rock underground is oot exactly a hotbed of judicious diplomacy. Cobain and Love moved in a sphere filled with junkies, hustlers, sociopaths, groupies and freeloaders, not to mendon artists: surrounded by people who were on the make, self-destructive or both. Sleaze was everywhere, and so was a bizarre theatricality. Broomfield is properly skeptical about most of the people he interviews; corroborating evideoce for their stories, he shows, is hard to come by.

Exaggeration, not understatement, goes with the punk territory, where obnoxiousness can be a sign of creativity. As her band, Hole, was making itself known, Love was the woman who might take off her clothes or say anything, blurting out the thoughts that nice girls hid. She preferred attention to privacy, and she was at least as ambitious as any other songwriter who's convinced that the world needs to hear ber.

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UT now Love, like her observers, is stuck between irreconcilable arcberypes. She's rich, famous and too well documented for her own comfort. When she acts up now, there are paparazzi and gossip columnists waiting to tell the world. And what was unexceptional behavior in the punk-rock sphere can now be presented as ominous foreshadowing by her embittered father. Cobain's suicide note suggests that he couldn't handle the pressure of being a commercial blockbuster while trying to stay pure in his music. His widow isn't doing so well, either. Many people who thought Hole's first two albums were startlingly honest feel duped or disgusted by her transformation: There's a difference between maturing and turning into a high-gloss phony. Hole's new album, due in the fall, has a lot riding on it. Does the millionaire acress have anything to say to the people in the most pit?

Mom in the Wings: Play Agent Nurtures Writers

By Mel Gussow New York Times Service

TEW YORK - Flora Roberts is one of the last of the red-bot play agents, a fiercely independent woman who has gone her own way in a world dominated by corporate agencies. In a career of almost 50 years, she has been a formidable talent spotter. She is artful in her choice of clients — mostly writers, like Stephen Sondheim, Tina Howe and Alfred Uhry — and sharp-sighted in her assessments of their strengths. She is a kind of dramaturge in the guise of an agent.

Roberts has never besitated to speak her mind. "I'm very rough on clients," she said recently. "I was once reprimanded very strongly by a playwright because I spent an hour telling him what was wrong with his play. He got sadder and sadder and finally said, 'Would you mind telling me one good thing about the play?' I said: 'I'm terrihly sorry, I just assumed that if I was spending so much time talking to you, it would be obvious the play was worth a rewrite. Otherwise, I would have simply said forget it."

For her, "writers are causes." Howe, the author of "Pride's Crossing," said, "She's a woman of enormous style, heart, experience, courage, intelligence - a real original."

With other agents, that might be considered an overstatement. With Roberts, the description fits her like one of her large red hats or her first name.

In terms of style, her flamboyance ap-proaches the folkloric. She speaks in a grav-Bankhead and Harvey Fierstein. She is short

and roly-poly.

Sondheim is Roberts's longest-running client. She met him in the early 1950s when he was writing his first show, "Saturday Night." Many musicals and a Pulitzer Prize

later, they are still working together.
"What distinguishes her from other agents," Sondheim said, "is that she cares more about the work than about the contract. She's interested in nurturing the careers of her clients." Her comments are diffuse, he said, and be makes her write them all down.

Her role varies from client to client. With Sondheim, she is more of a sounding board than a catalyst. She would never suggest that he rewrite a lyric, hut she might suggest the placement of a song. With "Company." she proposed that "Side by Side by Side" be moved from the second act to the end of the first, to give the lead character more definition. It made a major difference in the musical.

Legend has it that she made a creative contribution to "West Side Story." She denied it, except to say that she gave Arthur Laurents, author of the book, a list of 16 suggestions: "He said 12 of them were idiotic, but four of them might save the show." Although most of her clieots are writers,



elly basso, somewhere between Tallulah Flora Roberts, a formidable spotter of talent, has guided some big careers.

Stroman) and designers (like Jennifer Tipton).
"I really love most of my clients," she said. "That's a privilege when you're on your

With an almost equal passion, she loves

horses. She frequently goes to Belmont Park, and she owns a racehorse, Allaway, now retired, and its progeny Belnved B and Flora's Personal Boy. At the track, she plays her favorites, betting on a horse named "Comedy Tonight" because Sondheim wrote a song by that otle. Naturally, she bet on it to show, and it did. She also took a flier on horses named Fred Astaire and Curtain Going Up.
When betting on plays and playwrights.

she also relies on instinct and on her assessment of form and potential. She said, "I gamble on the theater every day.

She remembered the time Frank Loesser asked her to speak to a composer friend of his who had written, in Loesser's words, a musical that was historical and very uncom-mercial: "This little man came into my apartment. He banged the piano and sang 'Sit Down, John,' and I got goose humps.' The composer was Sherman Edwards, and the she also represents a few directors (like Susan show was "1776." She signed him up im-

mediately but told him his book lacked humor and would have to be rewritten. She led him to Peter Stone (who was not her client), because he shared an interest in history.

And in one eventful day, Joseph Papp gave her both Howe and Miguel Pinero, telling her, "I want you to take care of my poets." Pinero, who was a prison inmate before he became a prize-winning playwright, called her Big Lady and told her, as he told others to whom he felt indebted, that if she ever needed protection, "you call me, I break their legs."

SKED whether she had made any mistakes. Roberts remembered that many years ago Mary Rodgers wanted to write a musical based on Thornton Wilder's "Merchant of Yonkers." Roberts said that was ridiculous, that Wilder was a wonderful playwright and Rodgers should leave his plays alone. Years later, of course, Jerry Herman transformed the play into "Hello, Dolly!"

Before she became an agent, Roberts wanted to be a diva. As a young woman, she studied at the Manhattan School of Music and sang with Schola Cantorum. Arturo Toscanini heard her sing, and he said, she recalled, "Molta musica, but a small voice." In a loud,

hourse whisper, she said, "I thought I bad a very large voice." She switched to torch songs, which she still sings at parties and for friends. As a music student at Hunter College in the

early 1940s, she did volunteer work for the Stage Door Canteen and had an office in a dressing room at the Paramount Theater. In the dressing room next door was Frank Sinatra, at the height of popularity, with bobby soxers swooning in Times Square.
Almost every day. Roberts brought back lunch for the two of them, and they became good friends. After Sinatra finished his engagement, he went to Hollywood.

It was many years before they saw each other again. Representing Sondheim, she went to see Sinatra about singing "Send in the Clowns" on an album. "Sinatra threw open the door," she said. "He looked at me and said, 'Hello, kid, are you still on 44th Street?' "

After graduation, she went to work for Kermit Bloomgarden, who was beginning his career as a Broadway producer. She was a secretary, switchboard operator and receptionist. One day, Bloomgarden asked her to read a new play by Lillian Hellman, "Another Part of the Forest." The playwright asked ber what she thought of it.

"I was about 20," she said, "and I thought What's the worst thing that can happen? I'll get another job. "So she told Hellman in detail what was wrong with the play. Hellman said to Bloomgarden: "How much are you paying this girl? Give her a raise. She's right, and I don't think I can fix it."

"I got a raise," said Roberts, "and she tried to fix it."

Roberts found that she liked working with writers and decided to become an agent. To open her office, she raised \$200 each from five people in the theater, including the famously thrifty producer Morton Gottlieb. One of her first clients was Ira Levin, who was then writing for television. She got him a job dramatizing the novel "No Time for Ser-geants" for television and then for Broadway, and she found Andy Griffith, whn played the leading role. The play was a major hit in the mid-1950s.

In contrast to many other agents, Roberts is not known for her power as a negotiator. Instead, she is a close reader of manuscripts and an astute observer of plays in production.

As the producer Andre Bishop says: "Flora

has a lovely way of steering between all the people involved. Sbe supports her clients with out taking sides against the others. Part of her aura is that she worked for a producer. When she sees a show, you go out with her afterward and discuss it, and sometimes she will make one blazingly brilliant observation."

Many of the most important play agents have been women, like Audrey Wood in New York and Peggy Ramsay in London. Roberts said she thought the range was doen in the

said she thought the reason was deep in the female psyche: "Plays need nurturing and rewriting. And in the theater, emotions are right out there."

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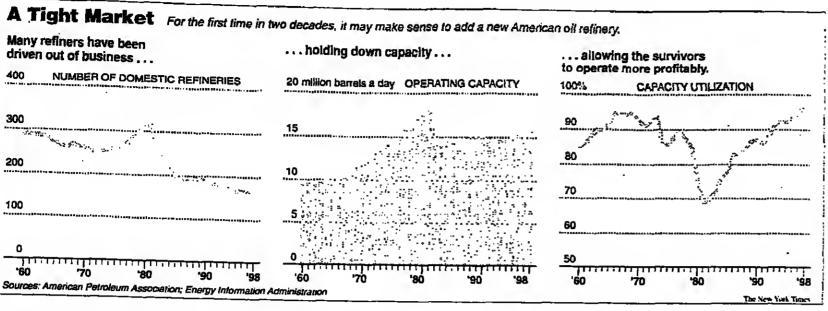
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Oil Refiner Hopes to Disprove His Critics, Again

By Agis Salpukas Vew York Times Service

NORCO, Louisiana - Rivals have tried to buy him off, creditors have gotten lawyers to try to cow him, investors have needled him about going through bankruptcy twice, his own son has accused him of being a polluter and many in the energy industry here shake their heads at the mennon of his name. But John Stanley, known as Jack in the

oil patch, is a hard man to keep down. At his sprawling oil refinery here recently, Mr. Stanley, 59, showed a visitor the view from the top of the new coking

uoit. "There's \$2 billion worth of equip-

ment here, "Mr. Stanley exulted.

To hear Mr. Stanley tell it, that \$2 billion worth of equipment is his ticket to the heights of the U.S. energy market

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for his privately held TransAmerican Energy Corp. By the end of the summer, the towering coking and cracking units are expected to be going full hlast, converting 230,000 barrels (31,080 metric tons) of crude oil a day ioto kerosene, diesel fuel, heating oil - and 5.5 million gallons (20.9 million liters) of gasoline. It will be the largest single ad-dition of new capacity in U.S. domestic refining in two decades.

This could become the jewel in Mr. Stanley's corporate crown. But the Massachusetts native nearly lust the huge complex on the banks of the Mississippi n hankruptcy proceedings that began in 1983 and dragged on for four years. Throughout that battle, the refinery sat

idle - even as Mr. Stanley deflected his creditors' demands to sell it and talked a court into letting him spend \$100 million to keep it in operating condition.

That was not his first brush with fi-

nancial disaster. Ten years earlier, be had also filed for protection from creditors when the price of ammonia plunged shortly after he huilt an aromonia plant

But far from turning Mr. Stanley into the soul of prudence, judiciously build-ing up a cash reserve for the oext rainy day, those setbacks only spurred him to take even bigger gambles. Almost immediately after his first bankruptcy, he poured \$800 million into an initial modernization of his refinery here. After the second, he spent six years paying off \$1.37 billion in debt and then put to-gether \$900 million financing — mostly in 'junk' bonds — to upgrade the plant to its current state.

"Jack has more perseverance than anyone else I know," said Ed Dooohue, TransAmerican's chief financial officer. 'He knew the value of the assets."

The question oow: Will be strike out yet a third time, seriously damaging the forune he has re-amassed, or will his latest gamble provide him with even greater riches?

One thing going for him is that the refinery will be one of just a handful in the country that can efficiently process in abundance in Mexico and Venezuela and sells for as little as half the price of lighter crudes. That could give Mr. Stanley a big competitive advantage regardless of what happens to oil prices. Mr. Stanley has always been quick to

spot a money-making opportunity. In college in 1958, he took a job pumping gas in a tough neighborhood of Spring-field, Massachusetts, and, after seeing how much cash poured in, leased the station and managed it himself. To save money, he did almost everything -

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LONDON — The Asian financial

crisis is hitting world oil demand

harder than expected and is spoiling

output-cutting efforts to bolster low crude prices, the International Energy

Agency said Tuesday.
In its monthly Oil Market Report,

the organization said its projection for

Asian demand this year was running

750,000 barrels (101,350 metric tons)

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indicate that the recent financial

crises may be having a more marked

and longer-term effect on demand

than previously thought," the Paris-

"The anticipated growth rate for

the region of 4.8 percent has been

based body said.

"Weaker-than-expected demand

per day lower than first estimated.

Asia Slump Hits Oil Demand

it added.

China Banker Warns Against a Weak Yen

Statement Raises Fears of Yuan Devaluation

BELJING - The governor of China's central bank warned Tuesday that a weak yen was having a severe impact on Beijing's foreign trade, focusing attention once again on a Chinese pledge not to devalue its currency. In an address to a financial seminar,

Dai Xianglong, the head of the People's Bank of China, did not explicitly rule out a devaluation of the yuan in re-

sponse to the numbling yen.

Mr. Dai simply noted promises that
China had made in the past not to devalue the currency as a reaction to the financial crisis in Southeast Asia. He made clear that Beijing expected Tokyo to halt the slide of its currency.

"The economic adjustment in Southeast Asia and the slnggish Japanese economy, especially the depreciation of the Japanese yen," Mr. Dai said, "have had very unfavorable effects on China's imports and exports and inflow of funds."

'The recent sharp depreciation of the yen is detrimental to the financial stability and economic adjustment in east Asia and increases pressure on China's exports," he added.

adjusted downwards to 0.8 percent,"

the West have kept a lid on prices

despite unprecedented cooperation by producers to withdraw supplies.

International Energy Agency said for

a total new estimate of daily con-

sumption at 75 million barrels.

quarter, it added.

Failing demand and high stocks in

Global oil demand will rise 1.2 million barrels a day this year, the

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Only Chinese consumption, which

quarter is expected to slow to 1 per-

cent from 1.7 percent in the first

the group said would increase 7.7 per-

cent this year, will prevent Asian oil

demand from falling from last year.

Excluding China, regional demand is

likely to fall by about 1 percent.

"We hope the Japanese government will adopt effective measures to sta-

bilize the yen, "he said. Western economists have generally taken at face value Beijing's repeated pledges to bold the line on its currency. despite the threat to its exports posed by cheaper currencies in such countries as

Thailand and Indonesia. But the sliding yen adds an element of uncertainty by introducing a new threat to China from Japan, whose economy is by far the largest in Asia.

Mr. Dai did not reveal any fresh con-cern over the outlook for the Chinese economy, expressing optimism that the government would achieve its target of percent economic growth this year. Nordid Mr. Dai suggest that the yuan

in danger. "China's international balance of payments is good, 'he said. 'The yuan remains stable.'

But economists say China's exportdriven economy will not be able to meet government targets of 8 percent growth unless the anthorities devalue the currency to bolster competitiveness against Japan and such other nations as Malaysia and South Korea, which have been forced to devaluate,

The deputy foreign trade minister, Sun Zhenyu, said China's exports in the first quarter already demonstrated the strain of the regional crisis, with exports to members of the Association of South East Asian Nations falling 9.8 percent, exports to Japan off 3.1 perceot and exports to South Korea down 24.5 percent.

Analysts grew suspicious of China's ability to defend the yuan after the central bank delayed releasing foreign-exchange reserve levels for April,
"Since March, the People's Bank of

China has not released the foreign-exchange reserves figure." an analyst at ABN-AMRO Bank of the Netherlands said. "The market is worried that the level has dropped."

A central hank official said the data were oot released because the figure had oot changed drastically, "so we saw no oeed to report it."

A yuan devaluation could spark a vicious new round of currency depreciations in Asia and ultimately spread the regional economie crisis to other areas of the world. (Reuters, AFP)



John Stanley in front of his refinery, which reopens this month.

Duisenberg Soothes Fears on Inflation

By John Schmid International Herald Tribune

FRANKFURT — Wim Duisenberg, nine days into his joh as head of the European Central Bank, osed his debut public appearance in the role Tuesday to speak reassuringly of Europe's inflation outlook.

'Inflation tendencies so far seem to remain rather subdued," Mr. Duisenberg said after the inaugural gathering of the central bank's 17-member governing council. Money supply, a leading indicator of potential inflation, similarly cannot "be called excessive" with a growth rate of about 5 percent in the 11natioo hloc that will faunch the single currency, the euro, oo Jan. 1.

Mr. Duisenberg's soothing comments reinforce the view that interest rates in many of the II euro countries. notably the large economies of Germany and France, will remain low at around their current levels for the near future, economists said.

Low lending rates should help propel the economic recoveries that only recently have begun to take root in those

nations, economists said. The policysetting council of the Bundesbank meets

Alisoo Cottrell, economist at PaineWebber International in Loodon. said, "For the big economies like Italy, France, Germany and Spain, the numbers like headline inflacco are impressively well behaved."

The calm start of the new bank's work clasbes sharply with the turnult that accompanied its birth in May, when European Union politicians cut controversial political deals over the leadership of the bank, which will serve as linchpin of the

common currency project.

Appearing under the central bank's logo—an "E" set in a familiar blue EU circle of 12 stars — Mr. Duisenberg said tedious nuts-and-bolts "organizational matters" like staff salaries dominated the first week of work in the Eurotower in Frankfurt. "After nine days, so far, so good," he said.

Shattering the calm briefly if unin-tentionally, Mr. Duisenberg sent the price of gold into a tailspin. Bullion prices plunged I percent after the central banker announced that gold reserves

likely-would account for no more than "10 to 15 percent" of the new bank's reserves. Gold fell by \$3.10 to close at \$295.30 an ounce in New York after his

The price of gold, which has been battered for months, recovered recently on speculation that the bank's gold holdings would comprise well over 20 percent of its assets. Mr. Duisenberg's remark reawakens fears among investors that central banks might swamp international markets by dumping their unneeded gold reserves.

For months, investors have been playing a guessing game about where pan-European interest rates will converge wheo the euro unites the 11 nations into a single economy in January. Even before Mr. Duisenberg spoke Tuesday, many economists have begun revising their forecasts downward many of them calling for an interest rate intersection below 4 percent.

The process of interest rate conver gence is running smoothly, Mr. Dais-enberg said. The differentials are "not a major issue of concern for the remaining months of the year," be said.

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- Philadelphia Stock Exchange. Terms were not disclosed. • Greyhound Lines Inc.'s passenger ticket sales rose 8.9 percent in May, to \$45.1 million, over May 1997. The number
- of passengers increased to 1.32 million from 1.27 million. • International Data Corp., a market researcher, cut its growth forecast for personal computer shipments worldwide in the second quarter to 9 percent from 10 percent.
- Wal-Mart Stores Inc. persuaded a judge to order PT Multipolar Corp., owned by Lippo Group of Indonesia, to stop its lawsuit in Jakarta over a failed joint venture while the companies arbitrate their dispute in the United States.
- Northern Telecom Ltd., a phone-equipment maker, and Microsoft Corp. have teamed up to sell modems and software to phone companies to provide high-speed Internet access.
- Ultramar Diamond Shamrock Co. is to sell or close about 300 gasoline station/convenience stores, cut 466 jobs and take a second-quarter charge of about \$78 million.
- Sprint Corp.'s wireless-phone venture has signed five affiliates to offer its service under the Sprint PCS brand name in the Midwest and Southeast. Bloomberg, Reuters

Anti-Virus Software Company Sold

Bloomberg News SANTA CLARA, California - Network Associates Inc. agreed Tuesday to huy Dr. Solomon's Group PLC, Britain's No. 1 maker of anti-virus software, for \$642 millioo in stock. Network Associates will offer 0.82875 shares for each American depositary share of Dr. Solomon's. The transaction valoes each Dr. Solomon's ADS at \$34.81, an 8.4 percept premium on its closing price of \$32.125 Monday.

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Intel Suit: An Odd and Difficult Case to Prove

By Michael M. Weinstein New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Antitrust laws are designed to protect an industry from monopolists that use predatory or other illegal tactics to extinguish rivals. The odd feature of the antitrust complaint brought by the Federal Trade Commission against Intel Corp. is that it accuses the chipmaker of victimizing putative rivals that are also customers.

In separate instances involving Intergraph Corp., Compaq Computer Co. and Digital Equipment Corp., Intel is accused of withholding technical data about its processors from companies that were designing computers around Intel chips.

What will make the government's case difficult is that only one of those companies - Digital - ever seriously competed with Intel. What is more, the information that Intel freely acknowledges it withheld from those companies had no direct bearing on any area in which they competed with Intel.

say, is whether the commission can deed been customers, they were trade commission's Bureau of from Intel's rivals.

the charges, that task will not be

Intel controls more than 80 percent of the market for the microprocessor brains of computers. Wheo it designs a new chip, Intel gives advance information to its

customers — computer manufactur-ANALYSIS ers - to give them time to design machines that will run the next generation of Intel's processors.

intel acknowledges that it withheld vital information from Intergraph, Digital and Compaq, with which it was engaged in continuing patent disputes, but it says that it was not about to share intellectual suing it over intellectual property. The company argues that it is not

information in subsequent patent

The commission says that while and its customers. The question, antitrust experts the three companies may have in-

accusations. Given the oddity of monopolist to exploit its market ful for monopolists to injure rivals power to force them to cave in to without an efficiency-enhancing Intel's patent demands.

Intel insists that its hardball tactics were in pursuit of business objectives that were perfectly legitimate.

The dispute with Intergraph, for example, was a negotiation betweeo buyer and seller. Intel wanted a free license to use Intergraph's chip technology. Intergovernment has no business intruding on this negotiation.

Carl Shapiro, an economics con-

create a strong factual case for its also rivals and that it is illegal for a Competition, says that it is unlawbusiness justification - for instance, resulting in lower prices or better products.

In fact, Mr. Baer says, Intel's decision to punish the three manufacturers was done only to compel the companies to settle their patent dispute on Intel's terms.

But to win its case, the commission must show that Intel not graph wanted proprietary informa-tion. Intel asserts that the companies are in fact rivals, but that it burt competition in the microchip industry.

That could mean proving that sultant to Intel from the University Intel's behavior drove its rivals inof California at Berkeley, ac- to extinction. It could mean showknowledges that there might be ing that Intel's behavior persuaded property with customers that were areas of rivalry - Digital, for ex-rivals to spend less on research and ample, produces a microprocessor development, thereby undermin-that competes with Intel's Pentium ing their ability to innovate as fast compelled by antitrust laws to re- chips in a limited market - hnt as Intel. Or it could mean showing veal proprietary information to argues that the behavior under that Intel's behavior convinced aceustomers that could exploit that challenge by the commission is tual and potential chipmakers that overwhelmingly limited to the relationship between the chipmaker computer company that needed to do business with Intel would be William Baer, the director of the punished if it also bought chips

Greenspan Jitters Put Pressure on Wall Street

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nervousness over what Alan Greenrates when he speaks before a congressional committee Wednesday.

Arthur Hogan, chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co. in Boston, said the stock market generally did not expect any surprises from Mr. Greenspan, but he added that volume was low because no one was interested in taking chances.

"A lot of people are probably holding their hullets until Greenspan talks," Mr. Hogan said. The Dow Jones industrial average finished 19.68 points lower, at

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index gained 2.69 points, to 1,118.41. The Nasdaq composite index,

heavy in technology issues, rose 2.99 points, to 1,800.76. Bond traders also hesitated taking position before Mr. Greenspan's

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'If you can pick those companies whose earnings are going to really

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accelerate, you'll do all right," said John Kornitzer, president of Kornitzer Capital Management in Shawnee Mission, Kansas.

But Joseph DeMarco, head trader at HSBC Asset Management Inc. said: "We're on the eve of earnings releases again. If there is any Asian impact, this is when we'll really start Merck benefited from a study

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NEW YORK — Blue-chip stock 0.6 percent drop in wholesale in- Northern Telecorn, North Amer- Compaq Computer is expected to prices slipped Tuesday amid ventories in April did little to move ica's second-higgest phone-equip- complete its acquisition of Digital.

Oil shares fell for a third day, after span, the Federal Reserve Board Offsetting some of the losses snftware to phone companies that the International Energy Agency cut chairman, might say about interest among stocks were computer shares want to provide high-speed Internet its estimate of oil demand. Exxon dropped 114, to 69 15/16, and Chevron fell 1/2, to 301/4.

U.S. Bancorp said it would repurchase \$2.5 billion of its stock over two years, or 8.4 percent. The 500. Ascend will replace Digital bank's share price rose 5/16, to Equipment in the S&P 500 after the 40 5/16. (Bloomberg, Bridge News) bank's share price rose 5/16, to

Strike Shuts Down 5 GM Assembly Plants

The Associated Press

DETROIT - A strike at a General Motors Corp. stamping factory closed five North American assembly plants, idling more than 15,000 workers Tuesday and was expected to spread unless a settlemeet was reached soon.

Plants in Michigan, Kansas and Ohio and Ontario were sbnt because sure increased survival rates if given of the strike by nearly 3,400 workers Microsoft gained 11/2, to 87 1/16, makes hoods, fenders, doors and among its most profitable.

other sheet-metal parts.

Negotiators for GM and the United Auto Workers union resumed talks Tuesday as the strike entered its fifth day. The walkout is largely over work rules and staffing levels,

The automaker, meanwhile, began production of a redesigned full-size pickup Monday at its Oshawa, Ontario, truck plant, according to an industry source who spoke on conto patients immediately following a at the Flint Metal Center, just north dition of anonymity. The pickup is of Detroit. The stamping plant GM's best-selling vehicle and

G-7 Concern Gives Yen A Small Lift

Computed in Our Staff From Disputches NEW YORK - The dollar slipped against the yen Tuesday amid concern that Asia's worsening ecocomic slowdown would compel officials from the Group of Seven to discuss bolstering the yen at a twoday meeting in Paris.

Officials declined to comment oo the discussions, which they had said would focus on Russia's economic

problems. "Everyone's a little cautious about huying the dollar right now because of all these political events, ' said Jeff Berger, director of foreign exchange and commodities at AlliedSignal Inc. 'I think the

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yen will get a little stronger before the dollar resumes its rise.

Earlier, the dollar surged against the yen as the market continued to test the resolve of the Bank of Japan, but nervousness about possible central bank intervention limited

"If they think 140.00 yen is too weak, they have to intervene in the market," said Takanobu Igarashi,

senior economist at Sanwa Bank. But Mr. Igarashi said intervention would only huy Japan time. 'To change the trend in such a weak yen you need fundamental change in

Japanese policies," he said. The dollar was at 140.26 yen in late trading, down from 140.67 yea. The dollar made limited gains against the mark after a mixed batch of economic data came out of Germany. While the unemployment rate in May slid below 11 percent for the first time in 2 years, industrial

er than many analyst expected. The dollar was at 1.7800 Dentsche marks, up from 1,7795 DM. But it fell to 1.4760 Swiss francs

production data for April was weak-

from 1.4795 francs. The dollar was unchanged at 5.9685 francs. The pound was at \$1.6365, up from \$1.6340.

Japanese officials have said for months that they were concerned about the decline of the yen and were prepared to take action if it fell too far, and Finance Minister Hikaru Matsunaga said Monday that he had strong concerns about the yen weak-ening beyond 140 per dollar.

The Bank of Japan more recently intervened to buy yen in early April, spending more than \$20 billion in the process.

(Bloomberg, Bridge News)

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Bollore Goes After Another Jewel: France's Bouygues

By Marthe Fourcade Bloomberg News

PARIS - The French businessman Vincent Bollore has made his fortune snatching other families' corporate jewels,

He's a bit like Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf, all in one person," said Christiane Dore, who worked with Mr. Bollore for live years.

The young Vincent rescued his as big as Bollore Technologies SA. family's business from bankruptcy in 1981 and turned it into a conglomerate with interests ranging from Bible paper to shipping to rubber plantations. The growth came from gobbling other families' groups, such as Delmas Vieljeux SA, a maritime-

transport company, and Groupe Rivaud, which included a bank, an day, Mr. Bollore, a board member. have 9.3 percent of the company's holder after the family. That family has 33.3 percent of the airline, real estate and rubber plantations in Asia.

Now Mr. Bollore, 46, is going after one of France's biggest l'amily-run companies, Bouygues SA. Bouygues is Europe's No. 1 construction company and has interests in communications, oil and utilities. With a market capitalization of 91 billion francs (\$15.25 billion), it is four times

The operation could turn Mr. Bollore into one of France's most important businessmen or deal a serious blow to his credibility in a country that has not entirely come to terms with U.S.-style capitalism. A showdown is expected at

has refused to approve Bouygues' 1997 accounts. "We usually ignore those meetings but this time we'll all be waiting with bated breath," said Marie-Christine Livinec, an analyst

at Transbourse.

For the first time, Mr. Bollore does not have the support of his mentors. He uses Antoine Bernheim of Lazard Freres & Co., and Ambroise Roux, the patriarch of the French busioess establishment, as sounding boards to test his plans and ensure they do not ruffle France's close-

knit business community. He was warned to stay away from Bouygues, where employee loyalties run deep. Bouygues' employees

ahead anyway. With Bonygues, he has already made a potential capital gain of 1.5 billion francs.

And Mr. Bollore has dealt with belligerent employees before. He is known for trying to save the jobs of blue-collar workers while fiercely cutting into the ranks of managers. When he bought back the family business, he persuaded workers to take a 15 percent pay cut.

'He just has fabulous charm," said Tristan Vieljeux, who unsuccessfully fought Mr. Bollore to re-

tain control of Delmas-Vieljeux. Mr. Bollore holds more than 10 percent of Bouygues, which makes - after his bank had failed to turn it him the company's biggest share- around.

Mr. Bollore grew up in Paris, where he rubbed elbows with the French business elue. Mr. Bernheim

taught him how to control of his expanding empire through holding companies. Baron Edmond de Rothschild sold him the Bollore paper business — for a symbolic 4 francs

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highway, it's more like a bumpy country road, Mrs. Dore said.

"This type of transaction isn't a

You can't be in a rush, and that's

Bollore's biggest quality - he

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Investor's Europe

Drop in German Jobless Rate Dismissed as Art

By John Schmid International Herald Tribuna

FRANKFURT - Germany confirmed Tuesday that its unemploy- new funds in taxpayer-funded jobment rate fell sharply in May, but ereation and retraining programs. economists warned that the boom in mostly by government programs.

The government reported that un-employment fell by 224,000 in May, dustrial Bank of Japan. 10 4,197,000 people, lowering the unemployment rate to 10.9 percent from 11.4 percent in April.

The fall in unemployment came as little surprise because Chancellor single-currency benchmarks for Helmut Kohl, who is struggling to their budgets, Mr. Kohl showered revive his standing in the polls before the Sept. 27 election, broke the embargo on the data last week and this year on joh-creation programs. announced approximate figures showing a job-market improvement ment spending on make-work pro-that had eluded his government for grams in 1998 to 11.6 billion DM. several years.

thrusting the news into the spotlight funds are earmarked for Eastern again Tuesday, saying "The recov- Germany, where they accounted for ery has arrived in the jobs market. nearly the entire drop of 97,000

We have a turnaround."

But economists said much of the jobs boom had been engineered after Mr. Kohl's government lavished

There are real jobs in the econjob ereation was artificial, created omy, but not as many as in the an economist in Frankfurt for In-

> ion nations needed to meet strict rate to 9.1 percent from 9.5 percent. nearly 5 billion Deutsche marks (\$2.82 billion) in additional funds

The fresh funds bring governsaid the president of the Labor Of-Mr. Kohl wasted no time in fice, Bernhard Jagoda. Most of the

was 19.4 percent. Without extra state spending, East

German unemployment would have minus 19 in April, a three-year low. moving at a faster clip, Bayerische stagnated in May, Mr. Jagoda said. The Labor Ministry has estimated it said Germany's economic recovery, that it had eliminated its annual ean ereate additional 100,000 state- which grew in the first quarter at its monthlong summer shutdown in its statisties." said Adolf Rosenstock, ean ereate additional 100,000 statesponsored jobs this year.

In Western Germany, Mr. Jagoda After throttling jobs-related eredited private-sector activity for spending to control German deficits most of the 127,000 drop in unin 1997, the year that European Un- employment, which lowered the "In reunified Germany, this is the biggest decrease in unemployment in any May," he said.

The Labor Office said that adjusting for seasonal factors, unemployment showed a strong decline of 60,000, an improvement that was at the high end of expectations. After seasonal adjustments, the unemployment rate fell to 11.2 percent from 11.3 percent.

Separately, the Freneb government said eonsumer confidence had

people from the jobless rolls in May, finally rebounded, reflecting gath-leaving 1.37 million people, or 18.1 ering momentum in an economic percent, out of work. The April rate upturn. The national statistics office. Other government estimates have index rose to minus 16 in May from

percent than 2.5 percent" in 1998. Insee said the eonsumer-confidence run from 2.7 percent to 2.8 percent index rose to minus 16 in May from With Europe's biggest economy

Mr. Kohl's campaign managers Motoren Werke AG said Tuesday fastest pace since 1990, had become flagship Munich plant in order to a new "pillar" in the chancellor's meet demand for its 3-series car political eampaign for national elec-models. At its Regensburg factory, tions in September. Mr. Kohl pre- the summer shutdown has been redicted that gross domestic product duced to one week.

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Very briefly:

• Thistle Hotels PLC has been approached by a British botel company, a U.S. real estate investment trust and one other potential buyer, a source said, in what could lead to an offer worth at least £1.23 billion (\$2 billion).

• Deutsche Telekom AG wants to raise to 47.26 Deutsche marks (\$26.64) from 20.65 DM the fee it charges competitors for using its phone connections to homes and businesses.

· LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SA's sales at its duty-free unit DFS Group Ltd. fell 25 percent to 30 percent in the first five months of this year against the like period last year, and overall first-quarter sales for the luxury goods company fell 6 percent to 10.23 billion francs (\$1.72 billion). • BG Bank A/S and Reatkredit Danmark A/S are in talks to combine businesses by creating a joint holding company.

• Philips Semiconductors, a subsidiary of Philips Electronics NV, plans to double sales of chips within four years. • RAO Gazprom has proposed that Russia sell 2 percent to 3 percent of the oil giant to a strategic partner for \$1 billion. Gazprom, which is 40 percent owned by the government. already bad two strategie partners, Royal Duteh/Shell Group and Ente Nazionale Idrocarburi of Italy. Bloomberg, Remers

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BANGKOK -- Thailand set the stage Tuesday for the sale of more than a fifth of its national airline as part of efforts to restructure its economy along lines suggested by the International Monetary Fund.

The cabinet agreed in principle to sell 335 million shares in Thai Airways International PCL, a sector government official said.

Supachai Phisitvanich, the Finance Ministry's permanent secre-tary, said the sale would be made up of 235 million existing That Airways shares owned by the government and 100 million new shares.

At current prices, the sale would add about \$300 million to national The sale will be via private placement. Akapol Sorasuchart, a gov-ernment spokesman, said. He added

that the shares would be aimed at possible "strategic partners" and

also at institutional investors. The sale will reduce the government's stake in the carrier to 71.5

Japan Economy Stuck at 'Stagnant' percent from about 93 percent, Mr. Supachai said. He added that the timing and price of the sale had yet to be decided.

Under economic reform guidelioes agreed with the IMF this year, Thailand proposed to accelerate the nomic conditions worsened. privatization of its national indusiries, including several strategic na- report, the agency said that housing tional companies.

Shares in Thai Airways, Bangchak Petroleum PCL and Electricity Generating PCL are all scheduled to be sold this year. In 1999, the govemment has promised to sell several other national bodies, including telecommunications companies.

Several foreign airlines have been considering purchasing a stake in That Airways, analysts say, includ-ing British Airways PLC and the U.S. carrier Northwest Airlines Corp.

Insurers' Incomes Fall in Japan

TOKYO - Toho Mutual Life Insurance Co. and many more midsize Japanese life insurers said Tuesday that income from policies plunged in the past business year as the first collapse of an insurer since World War II prompted customers to pull out their money.

Of eight life insurers reporting earnings Tuesday - all unlisted companies that range in size of assets from 1.5 trillion yen to about 7 trillion yen (\$10.6 billion to \$50 billion) — six said that premium income fell in the year ended

assets shrink over the year as cancellations soared and the number of new contracts plummeted.

life insurers. During the year to Japanese life insurers for years, agreed to purchase Toho's sales March, Toho's assets plunged 33 may eventually prove too much for business for up to 70 billion yen.

TOKYO - The Economic Plan-

ning Agency said Tresday that the Japanese economy remained "stag-

nant" in June, even though eco-

In the closely watched government

construction, employment and im-

port figures had worsened over the

past month, while consumer spend-

signs of recovery," the report said. But it added that spending remained

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The company's shaky financial state earned it a rating of "very poor" from Moudy's Investors Service Inc. in November, the lowest of Japan's 16 largest insurers. Toho alooe failed to reach capital levels deemed adequate by the government.

"It's been an extremely tough business environment,* Ichinose Yoshiya, managing director of Nippon Dantai Life Insurance Co., which had assets worth 3.6 trillion yen as of March the previous year. The company's 662.5 billion yen.

Tobo Mutual's earnings were the hardest bit of Japan's 16 major other problems that have dogged

"While keeping its overall eco-nomic assessment intact," Susumu

Takahashi of the Japan Research

Institute said, "the agency down-

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Planning Agency official said,

Mr. Takahashi said, "Although

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percent to 3 trillion yen. Premium some of the weakest companies, income tumbled 13.1 percent to analysts said. That's especially true as Japan's "Big Baog" deregulation gives banks and other companies entry into the protected insurance market.

> Nissan Mutual Life Insurance Co. collapsed in April 1997 with liabilities outstripping assets by 10 percent. That failure made customers wary of keeping their money in insurance policies, especially because many of Nissan Mutual's 1.2 million policybolders ended up with a 50 percent cut in the interest they were promised.

Their woes have made Nissan Five of the companies saw their 31, a decline of 9.6 percent from Mutual and Toho Mutual attractive to foreign companies that want premium income fell I.4 percent to to get a foothold in Japan's insurance market, the world's second largest. In February, a subsidiary of General Electric Co.

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deny that Japan is in recession.

"Given the dreadful tone of re-

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KOREA: Fear of a Weak Yen

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Japanese economy, and as a result of the depreciation of the ven, the Japanese can enlarge markets and have power."

That view has spread rapidly across Asia as the yen has plummeted in recent weeks, raising fears in particular that China will be forced to devalue its currency, a move that would trigger a new round of devaluations and financial turmoil across Asia.

Mr. Ohn said South Korean exports would decrease by slightly more than 0.6 percent for every 1 percent drop in the value of the yen

Hardest hit, he said, would be the shipbuilding industry, where South Korea's Hyundai Heavy Industries Ltd. has emerged in recent years as the world's largest producer of merchant vessels against heavy competition from Japan. Hyundai has amassed enough or-

ders to prosper past the turn of the century, but it is diverting profits to other companies in Hyundai Group, the largest of the South Korean chaehol, or conglomerates, and may suffer declining orders in the next six months as buyers turn to Japan.

"The Korean shipbuilders have lost their competitiveness." Ohn said. "If the yen depreciates more, they will lose still more," but the iodustry will not feel the impact right away.

Economisis questioned if South Korea's auto industry, dominated by Hyuodai Motor Co., Daewoo Motor Co. and Kia Motors Co., could survive in its present form even before the depreciation of the yen.

Kia, now in receivership, hopes that Ford Motor Co., which owns The agency also lowered its as-sessment on imports, saying imports crease its investment to as much as 51 percent. Both Daewoo Motor and This downgrade reflects weak Daewoo Heavy Industries, which domestic final demand," the offimanufactures a mini-car separately (AP. AFP) from Daewoo Motor, are negooating with General Motors Corp.

As prices of Japanese cars gradually decrease worldwide, bowever, the question is whether large foreign companies will still be interested in investing in South Korea or whether South Korean vehicles can still compete in overseas markets.

The devaluation of the yen has been visible this month in the widely varying response of South Korean semiconductor makers to the worldwide glut of memory chips.

Samsung Electronics Co., the world's largest producer of memory chips, has suspended its production for a week while Hyundai Electrooics Industries Co., South Korea's second largest semiconductor manufacturer, will resume production Thursday after a one-week sospension and is considering a second suspension next month. LG Semicon of Hyundai and Samsung.

In cootrast, none of Japan's five semiconductor manufacturers bas announced plans to close its lines.

"Naturally the depreciation of the yen gives them price competitiveness," said Hwang Soon Hwa. general manager of Hyundai Electronics' memory division. have to match their prices."



Very briefly:

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Bombay

 Tenaga Nasional Bbd., the top Malaysian power producer, will sell its power unit at Manjung in the northern state of Perak to Malakoff Bhd. and receive a stake in the smaller power producer in return. Teoaga said the move was part of a drive to minimize risk to its shareholders.

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 South Korean prosecutors barred former Chairman Choi Won Suk of Dong Ah Group from traveling because there may be an investigation into alleged mismanagement at the conglomerate.

 PT Garuda Indonesia, the state-owned airline, is in dire financial condition with outstanding debt estimated at \$200 million, half of which is already overdue, according to a report in the daily Bisnis Indonesia. The minister for state enterprises, Tanri Abeng, was quoted as saying that "financial and management restructuring is urgently needed."

16,9 percent of its sbares together • Japan and the United States staked out opposing positions with Mazda Motors Corp. will inas they opened talks to review progress since a 1996 bilateral insurance trade agreement, Japanese officials said.

• Charoen Pokphand Group of Thailand will merge 12 subsidiaries and raise capital through a share issue in an effort to consolidate agribusiness interests under the listed company Charoen Pokphand Feedmill.

AFP. Reuters, Bloomberg

REFINERY: After Two Brushes With Disaster, Maverick Hopes to Strike It Big

eras from a breakfast meeting be-tween Mr. Yeltsin with Gerhard Mr. Kohl and his Christian

Schroeder, the opposition chal- Democrats, in office for almost 16

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Yeltsin's references to the German on new financial investments in the leader's international stature country that was announced on

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repairing cars, haggling with suppliers and even delivering the fuel in a rented tanker truck. one step further and drill for oil to

The business did so well that by the late 1970s Mr. Stanley had built up one of the largest independent networks in the United States, the 230-unit Gasland chain.

Along the way, he reacted to adversity with a decisiveness that bordered on intpulsiveness. When a gasoline supplier refused

\$2.1 million for the old refinery here, 1,300 miles (2,100 kilometers) natural gas. He quickly acquired from home, because owning it gave more rights in what turned out to be him a sense of security.

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seeks financial support from the In-

Additionally, Mr. Kohl likes to depict Mr. Yeltsin as a personal friend, seeking m base his diplo-

macy on a network of personal re-

lationships typified by his long-standing friendship with the late

French president, François Mitter-

and by his protestations of a special friendship with President Bill Clin-

Because of the personal relation-

Mr. Kohl, in particular, faces the

nettlesome problem of winning an

unparalleled fifth term of office in

landmark elections next Septem-

last month, Mr. Kohl was accused

by his Social Democrat electoral

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As when he met President Clinton

ships, though, it is often difficult to

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Germany is Russia's closest

European political ally, and Bonn's lenger who ranks in opinion surveys

support is important as Moscow as Germany's most popular politi-

"I didn't know anything about state, Lobo Trend. refining, except that I wanted to have gasoline for my stations," he said. Having bought a refinery to sup-ply his gas stations, he decided to go

supply the refinery. hole, Mr. Stanley said, he told them after the price of ammonia plunged. "to drill the maximum that the rig

"That's bow we hit that first to renew a contract in 1971, he paid well," he said:

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ALLIES: Yeltsin and Kohl Vow More Policy Cooperation

Government officials denied or-

Nonetheless, Mr. Kohl ruled the

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That led to the initial bankruptcy filing for his company, then called Good Hope Refineries.

from that reversal. But he was not so fortunate in 1983, when the Amer- oo evidence of wroogdoing. ican energy industry was hammered

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■ EU Warning ou Sanctions

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'I consider this measure unnecessary, unprovoked and negative."

Mr. Jovanovic was answering a

prices. After a major customer, El Paso Natural Gas, stopped buying his natural gas, Mr. Stanley again filed for protection from creditors. In the midst of all the legal turmoil,

Mr. Stanley had a dispute with his rupture. After the son disclosed that nies that were doing business with his father's company, Mr. Stanley dis-missed him and later disowned him.

The son publicly accused his faood Hope Refineries. therof illegally dumping toxic waste Mr. Stanley recovered quickly and bribing state officials. Looisiana investigated the charges but found

Even after Mr. Stanley got back on his feet, with money pouring in Co., the No. 3 in the field, said it from his gas operations and oil wells, would probably follow the example the refinery remained shuttered. After his bankruptcy reorganiz-

ation was completed, be woo an outof-court settlement of \$300 million from El Paso Gas. After putting his company on even firmer financial footing by selling off \$1.1 billion in oil and gas operations, he was able to borrow more money to complete the refinery project, which is scheduled to reopen this mooth.

His timing could hardly be better. Russian officials insisted on it avoid closer than was assumed only a few Profits in refining are rebounding, gasoline is growing at close to 3 percent a year. Yugoslavia told a Balkan con-

Even if the industry falls on hard times again, Mr. Stanley says his Union investment ban on Belgrade refinery will flourish because it is so efficient. Mark Kellstrom, who follows the refining industry for Jefferies & Co. in Houston, agrees. saying Mr. Stanley is years ahead of some of his major compectors in his

ability to handle low-grade crude.
But others say most of the survivors of the late 1980s and early 1990s, when more than 100 mostly smaller and older refineries went un-While not quite so effusive as Mr. question about an earlier European der are battle hardened. Moreover, Clintoo's professions of support for Union decision to freeze Serbian Mr. Stanley has two disadvantages der, are battle hardened. Moreover, - his junk-bond debt interest payments and the lack of a guaranteed market for his gasoline, as he sold his gas-station chain in 1981.

New Delhi's Signals Put Rupee Into Tailspin

NEW DELHI - The Indian rupee fell sharply against the dollar Tuesday on expectations that the government will let the currency weaken to make exports competitive.

The rupee fell 1 percent, as the dollar rose to 42.250 rupees from 41.799 rupees Monday. The rupee has fallen by 6 percent since India tested nuclear devices May 11.

Praveeo Jain, a curreocy trader at Global Trust Bank in New Delhi, said, "There has been clear indication from the government and the Reserve Bank of India that they want the rupee to depreciate to allow the country's exports to become more competitive.

But some analysis warned that a fall in the rupee would The depreciating rupee "will lead to increase in costs

of imported inputs resulting in the rise of finished products," said Subrata Ray of DBS-Capital Trost Se-India's export growth slowed to 2.6 percent for the year

that ended March 31 from an average growth of 14.4 percent in the previous three years. The Reserve Bank of India, the central bank, said

Tuesday that its reference rate for the dollar was 42.15 The reference rate is the rate at which the central bank

trades the rupee and is the benchmark rate used by the

Profits in refining are rebounding. RUSSIA: Statistics Chief Charged With Corruption

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sial and called into question. Critics had charged last year that the agency fudged annual growth statistics by enlarging its assumptions about the shadow economy for 1997 but not for the pre-ceding year. The adjustment wrongly suggested that Russia's loog depression was coming to an end and that growth had begun, the critics said.

The shadow economy refers to the large gray area in which companies and individuals cooduct off-the-books transactions, often in cash, to avoid taxes. Many people also keep their business and personal affairs off the books to avoid extortion by Russia's ubiquitous crime groups. Experts say a large part of this economic activity never makes it into the Goskomstat official statistics.

In fact, "most people agree that Goskomstat assumptions about the shadow economy are too in the prosecutor's office, said Mr. Yurkov had small," said Al Breach of the Russian European sold information that belonged in the state.

Center on Economic Policy here, a research institute. "We know the levels they report you have to take with a big dose of salt."

But Vladimir Ryzhkov, a deputy speaker of the lower house of Parliament, said that the shadow

economy "does not rise and fall because of Goskomstat. This is the same as charging the head of the state weather service with a crime because there are floods." Goskomstat compiles extensive and detailed

information about Russian companies. The Federal Security Service, the successor to the Soviet KGB, said that Mr. Yurkov was accused of distorting statistical data on enterprises, which enabled those enterprises to avoid taxation.' Russia has been struggling to cope with wide-

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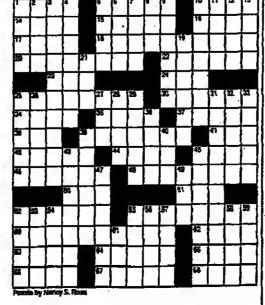
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PACKAGE 8.a: CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY LANDFILL

The Republic of Lebanon bas received a loan (No. 3899-LE) from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) towards the cost of the Solid Weste / Environmental Management Project (SWEMP) for Lebaoon and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to cover eligible payments under the contract for the above-mentioned package for the caza of Basibeck

The Government of Lebason, represented by the Mioistry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR), lavites sealed bids from eligible contractors for the construction of a sanitary landfill including earthmoving works, concrete works, structural steel works, and weterproofing works using geomembrane (HDPE) / geotextile.

This project will be administrated by CDR, based upon the World Bank's guidelines. Contractors who have already codertaken similar projects are invited to apply for the above-mentioned project and will be subject to Post Qualification according to the criteria stated in the bidding documents.

Bidding documents may be purchased at the Council for Development and Reconstruction, Tallet el Serail, Beirut, Lebanon, phone: 961-1-981431/2, facsimile: 961-1-864494, for a oon refundable fee of US\$ 500 (five hundred) or its equivalent In a freely convertible currency in the form of a banker's certified check in the name of the Conneil for Development and Reconstruction starting on Wednesday 10 June 1998. Interested bidders may obtain further information at the same address.

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Boris Becker heading for defeat against Hendrik Dreekmann.

TENNIS Boris Becker lost to a fellow German, Hendrik Dreek-

mann, in three erratic sets Tucsday

at the Gerry Weber Open in Halle.

Germany, and then said he wouldn't play Wimbledon.

Becker fought off five match points, but handed the world No.

101 the match with a double fault,

6-3, 5-7, 7-6 (11-9) at the grass

made sense with a good perfor-

mance in Halle, but not with a first-

the French Open, Carlos Moya

coasted past Guillaume Raoux of

France, 6-4, 6-4. Alex Corretja,

who lost to Moya in the final at Roland Garros, fell to Nicolas Es-

• In London, Mark Philip-

poussis, the defending Queen's

Club champion, slumped to a first-

round defeat at the grass court event

and then said he might not play at

Wimbledon. The Australian was

upset by Spanish grass-court novice

me and I just haven't been there at

all," said Philippoussis. "I'm just

very confused at the moment. It's

like I'm not huogry any more, and

American qualifier Doug Flach,

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ranked 222, surprised the Czech

Republic's Daniel Vacek 4-6, 6-1,

All Blacks Pick Randell

RUGBY UNION Taine Randell

was confirmed as the new All Black

captain when the New Zealand se-

lectors announced the team to play

Randell, a 23-year-old loose for-

ward, was appointed to succeed

Sean Fitzpatrick. Randell, a Maori,

was captain of the national sec-

ondary schools team, the national

juniors, his provincial team in Ot-

ago, at 19, and was the midweek

captain for New Zealand in South

England later this month.

"This year's been pathetic for

Jordi Burillo 7-6 (11-9), 7-5.

it's oot a good feeling at all."

In his first match since winning

round loss." Becker said.

cude of France, 6-2, 7-5.

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Becker Loses

court event.

WORLD ROUNDUP Forget Gloom: Jazz Put on a Happy Face Game 4 Task: Play Smart Against Bulls

By Selena Roberts

New York Times Service CHICAGO - The Utah Jazz coach. Jerry Sloan, came strolling onto the floor as cheerful as a bluchird on the morning after his team had suffered the worst defeat in playoff history. He stopped with a smile and said, "Hello, everyone," with the glee of a morning show host.

Not exactly the look of doom. The typically glum Sloan chuckled as he called the film of his team's humiliating 96-54 loss to the Bulls on Sunday in Game 3 of the National Basketball Association finals a cartoon.

"We're going to get a couple of tables so our guys can lay back in the training room and rest while we watch film, just in case someone gets sick," Sloan said before the Jazz practiced

Maybe this was the best way to deal with disaster. If Sloan had acted as if the Bulls were so superior to his team, the Jazz might not have a psychological chance of showing up for Game 4 on Wednesday night.

"We have, as you know, a very competitive coach," John Stockton said.
"He's ready 10 go again this morning. So we're ready to go.

So the Jazz spent the day focusing on what can be done differently.

And that boils down to one simple goal: play intelligently. The Jazz may not be as physically menacing as teams from the East, but Sloan's players have succeeded against the Bulls by keeping their heads no matter how much chaos Scottie Pippen and Chicago's defense

They shut our pick-and-roll, but we had four or five shots that, if we make

Sloan said. "We also have to take the shots. I think John Stockton got over there and took one early, but then didn't

'You've got to attack the basket and put it away or you lose confidence. If a guy misses a layup, then it's, well, I can't make a jumper."

More than missed shots, Utah missed

assignments. The Jazz players, slow to get to their spots on the floor, botched four out-of-bounds plays that resulted in

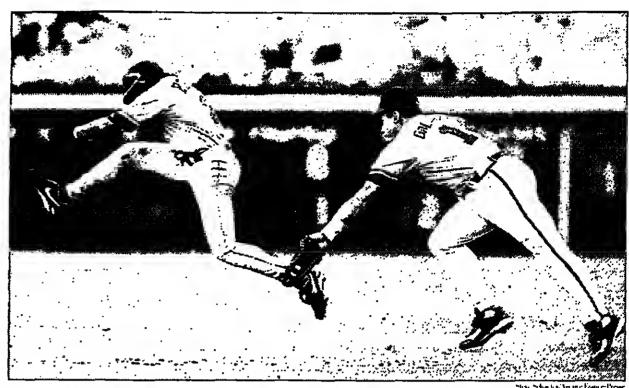
In 13 years, Utah has not altered its pick-and-roll formula. And Sloan 15 not going to start now.
"I can't hide that we'll run certain

plays and everyone knows it." Sloan said. "You've got to grit your teeth and be more persistent in making it work." Part of playing under control is being patient under pressure. If the Bulls' couch, Phil Jackson, is going to unleash Pippen to roam the floor, Stockton is going to have to make him pay with an illegal defense.

'If a guy comes across the lane and you go right to him, it's not illegal, because he's come to help," Stockton said. "By maintaining your patience offensively and not charging right at him, then he's across the line and it's very visible. Again, there's no fingerpointing, except on us and bow we executed. You have to have the patience and the faith in your offense to take care of itself,"

No one on the Jazz appeared to have lost faith after Game 3. No one even appeared to lose sleep.

What time does the game start Wednesday, 8 o'clock?" Sloan said.
"All right, then, we'll try to be



Troy O'Leary of the Red Sox leaping over a grounder hit past first base and into right field for a single.

Cubs Roll Into First on Sosa's Bat

He Ties Club Record With a Home Run in Fifth Consecutive Game

The Associated Press There's no stopping Sammy Sosa and

the Chicago Cubs these days. Sosa tied a team record by homering in his fifth consecutive game as the Cubs won their 10th straight, 8-1, in

Minneapolis on Monday night. The streak has moved the Cubs into a tie for first in the National League Central with Houston.

Susa's borner, in the third off Minnesota's LaTroy Hawkins (3-6), was his 20th of the season and 11th in the last 10 games. The other Cubs to homer in five straight games were Hack Wilson in 1928 and Ryne Sandberg in 1989.

The Metrodome crowd chanted 'Sammy, Sammy' when Sosa came to bat and starting pitcher Mark Clark got a standing ovation from the fans behind the first-base dugout when he left in the

ninth inning,
"Everywhere there are Cubbies fans cheering for us and more now that we've won 10 in a row and are in first place." said Jose Hernandez, who homered for the third straight game.
"We haven't done that in a long

In fact, the Cubs haven't dooe that since 1970. And they are 14 games over .500 (38-24) for the first time since they finished the 1989 regular season 92-

of hottest team in the majors with the San Francisco Giants, who also woo their 10th straight, beating Scattle, 4-3. "You want to ride this high as long as you can," said the Giants' starter, Danny Darwin, who won for the fifth

time in his last six decisions. The 42-year-old Darwin (6-3) allowed three runs in 61/3 innings against the slumping Mariners, who fell a season-low nine games below .500 (27-

Rich Aurilia homered against Randy Johnson (5-5), who allowed four runs in seven innings.

White Sox 8, Cardinals 6 Mark McGwire hit bis major league-leading 29th homer, but Jeff Abbott's three-run triple led Chicago to victory. McGwire, who has 13 borners in his last 17 games, raised his league-leading RBI total to 73 with his two-run sbot in the fourth.

McGwire's presence belped the hite Sox draw more than 23,000 fans for the third time in 26 home dates. Jason Bere (3-5) got the victory and Mark Petkovsek (3-3) was the loser.

Mets 3, Devil Rays o Rick Reed took a perfect game into the seventh inning and finished with a three-bitter, and Mike Piazza homered off Dennis Springer (2-10) to lead New York at home. Reed (7-3), who struck out 10 and had

his first shutout in six years, retired the first 20 batters hefore Wade Boggs doubled.

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

six runs in the bottom of the ninth to stun

Red Sox closer. Tom Gordon, who gave up RBI singles to Keith Lockhart and Chipper Jones. John Wasdin (3-3) then to Andres Galarraga, an RBI single to Ryan Klesko and the game-winning

the top of the 17th when Felipe Crespo Carlos Delgado. But the Marlins argued plate umpire, Tom Hallion, upheld the appeal and ruled him out, ending the inning. Televisioo replays showed that Crespo appeared to touch the inside of third base on his way to the plate. Orioles 14, Phillies 8 Rafael Palmeiro

and Brady Anderson each bad four RBIs as resurgent Baltimore set season highs with 14 runs and 18 hits. Palmeiro, who bas 10 RBIs in his last

eight games, hit a two-run homer in Baltimore's four-run sixth off Darrin inston (2-2). Athletics 7, Dodgers 3 Blake Stein (2-

3), making just his sixth big-league start, allowed five hits and struck out 10 in 81/4 innings for host Oakland. Jason Giambi hit a three-run homer in

the seventh off Ramon Martinez (7-3). Rangers 3, Rockies 1 Domingo Cedeno homered and drove in all three Texas runs, and Aaron Sele became the majors' second nine-game winner,

Sele (9-3) went eight innings, limiting Colorado to five hits at Coors Field, to Join Atlanta's Greg Maddux with nine victories.

Astros 9, Tigers 5 Carl Everett homered and hit a two-run double to cap a five-run ninth for Houston at Detroit. The Astros scored all their ninthinning runs off reliever Todd Jones (0-2). Doug Henry (4-2) pitched two in-

nings for the victory. Indians 8, Pirates 0 At Cleveland, Jim Thome hit a three-run homer and drove in four runs and Bartolo Colon (5-4) pitched a four-hitter for his second

shutout. Royals 8, Brewers 7 Jose Offerman homered and hit his league-leading seventh triple as Kansas City snapped a four-game borne losing streak.

Padres 4, Reds 2 At San Diego, Joey

Disabled Pro, Cart Fixed, Qualifies for U.S. Open

New York Times Service

CINCINNATI - Casey Martin qualified Monday for the U.S. Open, fulfirst golfer to ride a cart in the Open.

Martin will become a focal point of attention next week, especially since PGA Tour players were divided on whether he should be allowed to use a cart. Martin bas used a cart on the Nike Tour this year, but the Open will be his first taste of competing against the world's best players.

Braves 7. Red Sox 6 Atlanta rallied for

The Braves started their rally off the But Chicago has to share the honors relieved and gave up a two-run double single to Andruw Jones.

Marlins 4, Blue Jays 3 Todd Zeile singled bome the winning run to cap a hizarre 17th inning as Florida snapped an I l-game losing streak. Toronto appeared to take a 4-3 lead in

scored from first on a two-out double by that Crespo missed third base and the

Hamilton (4-7) allowed two runs in eight innings to break his career-worst six-game losing streak.

circulatory ailment, will become the By Clifton Brown

filling another dream and returning his remarkable story to the national stage. Martin, 26, who successfully sued the PGA Tour earlier this year for the right to use a cart in competition, prevailed on the second hole of a sudden-death playoff at the U.S. Open sectional qualifier at Clovernook Country Clnb. By making a 25-foot birdie putt on the 38th hole of competition, Martin won a five-man playoff for the last available spot and earned a berth in the U.S. Open at the

Martin, who suffers from Klippel-Trenaunay-Weber syndrome, a painful

Olympic Club in San Francisco next

On Monday, the odds were against Martin at Clovernook, with 67 golfers vying for five qualifying spots. During Martin's third hole, his specially designed one-seat cart stalled, forcing him to walk for two holes, before the cart could be restarted. But Martin shot a 2under-par 138 over 36 boles of regulation before winning the playoff. It was his fourth attempt to qualify for the U.S. Open.

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Korea May Share

South Korean soccer officials said Tuesday that they bad obtained government approval to discuss sharing some matches in the 2002 World Cup with North Korea.

South Korea and Japan will be co-hosts of the games, but South Korea hopes to share some of its 32 matches with North Korea.

The vice-president of North Korea's soccer association, Choi Pyung-Ju, told the Sports Seoul daily that Pyongyang was interested in

Seoul's proposals.
"It is not yet the stage to go into details with the South, but it would be very desirable to form a joint team and for some of the 2002 World Cup finals to be held in the North," Choi said. (AFP, AP)

Chelsea Signs Desailly

Chelsea completed its second intemational signing in 24 hours on Tuesday when it agreed to pay AC Milan £4.6 million pound (\$7.5 million) for Marcel Desailly, the French defender and midfielder. The deal was completed at the French team's World Cup training camp. On Monday, Chelsea signed the Spanish international and Barcelona right back Albert Fer-

The Oldest and Youngest

Jim Leighton, the Scottish goalkeeper, will be the oldest player in the World Cup. Leighton, 39, is 22 years older than the youngest player at the World Cup, Samuel Eto'o, a 17-year-old midfielder for Cam-

Cup Starts, Trading Stops

Brazil's stock exchange will close whenever the national soccer learn plays in France, the Sao Paulo Stock Exchange said Tuesday.

The first trading halt will be

Wednesday from noon to 14:30 Brazilian time when Brazil and Scotland kick off the 1998 tour-



Taribo West, a Nigeria defender, training on Tuesday.

WORLD CUP BRIEFS From Pele and the Streets, Hope

A Wave of Enthusiasm for the Lingua Franca of Kicking a Ball

By Rob Hughes International Herold Tribune

PARIS - You want to feel the breath of optimism, to feel good about the world and its players? Wednesday in Paris, at the start of a World Cup, must sway with that kind of enthusiasm, for where else might we shelter from a world of atomic bombs and atrocious daily news about man's intended inhumanity to man?

When Scotland, a small country, kicks off at the Stade de France against Brazil, the most populous and the best of the leading soccer countries, we should begin to feel the strange but potentially beautiful grip of a simple game that 200 million people of whatever creed or color or religiou enjoy playing.

They cannot all be Brazilians. Scot-

land's professionals cannot play ball the way Brazil does. But there is the first wonder of this sport: Scotland can scare Brazil, it might just bold or even beat the best on earth and that would create a frisson of excitement that even Parisians would find irresistible.

Pele, no less, is concerned about Brazil. The finest player who ever performed is a middle-aged man now but still brimful of childlike enthusiasm for the sport that took him from poverty to

"As individuals, no doubt my country has the best players." he said Tuesay, "But I worry for them as a team. Unfortunately they don't have time together, they don't have teamwork. So the first game is very important for psychological reasons. It is supposed to be easy because Scotland plays only defensively, but remember Colombia?

In 1994, Pele, in company with many, believed Colombia was the hottest team. It had beaten Argentina, 5-1, in Buenos Aires, beaten Brazil, suggesting that its collection of stunning, often maverick players, could take on the world at USA '94.
It failed to beat the host nation in

round one. The tragic consequences of that game — Andreas Escobar was shot dead in Medellin because he had the misfortune to score the only goal into

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As they converged on the Place de la

Concorde from four locations around

the city, the giants, a balloon-like in-

flatable exterior covering their mechan-

ical structure, were followed by 3,500

actors, dancers, roller-bladers, athletes

As is often the case in France, the

"They represent the anthropological

and cultural origins of man," said their

The giants are symbols of opening,

They were guarded by 6,000 police

ambassadors of the world population,

officers. For days now, the streets and

sidewalks of Paris have been filling up

with machine-gun toting security of-

ficers from the military and from mul-

When the matches actually begin, the

riple national and local police forces.

level of protection will ratchet up fur-

and children in costume.

giants were symbolic.

reminders of fairy tales.

soccer ever since.

Pele's World Cup memories are better than that. In 1958, at 17, be became the youngest World Cup winner and began a career that made him the most admired soccer player. Indeed, in Paris on Tuesday be joined Nilton Santos and Carlos Alberto, two superb Brazilian fullbacks, and Alfredo di Stefano, a complete Argentine master of the game, at lunch.

All four were part of a World Team of the 20th century selected by 24 inter-national journalists at the behest of MasterCard

The full team is: Goal: Lev Yashin (Soviet Union). Fullbacks: Carlos Alberto and Nilton Santos (both Brazil). Center backs: Franz Beckenbauer (Germany) and Bobby Moore (England). Midfield: Johan Cruyff (Netherlands), Alfredo di Stefano (Argentina), and Michel Platini (France). Forwards: Garrincha, Pele (both Brazil) and Diego Maradona (Argentina).

All those individuals came to life at lunch Tuesday. Some of the film clips were sepia-toned; some of the memories are, too. But those who have established the traditions through their play are at their best when brought together to watch future generations try to emulate or surpass them. Di Stefano, the doyen, speaks of a game that has adapted beyond his time

He was a wonderful physical specimen, he could control the ball and control the game in any area of the field. Now balding and heavy-jowled, be feels for the youngsters who are told how they must play. Coaches, be declares, try to be too imposing.

Pele agrees. He would love to see a modern player — perhaps Zinedine Zidane, the French playmaker - lose inhibidon and perform with more improvisation.

And Carlos Alberto, the only one of the four who is a coach, concludes that the physical aspects of soccer have become all-important, the commercial evolution imposes a winner-take-all strain on the coach, and there is less time to practice skills. So is modern soccer a

In all, about 25,000 security officers

will be employed each day, including

8,000 paramilitary geodarmes, 2,000

anti-terrorist troops and 2,000 sol-

but also the training camps and lodgings

of foreigo teams and such sensitive sites as the Eiffel Tower, oo top of which sit numerous high-tech communications

They will guard not just the stadiums,

The French authorities have three

very different security concerns. Inside

ligans, especially Brioshones. Fearing a

repeat of two tragedies in the 1980s

when fans were crushed to death against

security grills, most of the stadiums in

which the games will be played will not

In the first round, only one game, Belgium-Holland in Paris on Friday, is

categorized as high-risk. United States-

Outside the stadiums, the authorities

most fear terrorism against civilians in

Iran on June 21 in Lyon is not.

have grills.

FETE: Flags, Kilts and Giants Join in Paris's Kickoff Parade

his own net - has been a shadow across reduced spectacle? Do not eveo contemplate the thought. The four representatives of the 20th century team remained bonded by an undimmed love of soccer, past and present.

The levels are much better today." Pele said. "I tell you what excites me about 1998: All the big names are forwards. In 1990, when this decade began, you bad Lothar Matthaus, the German midfielder/defender, voted the top player. Nowall the young men everyone talks about are attacking players — Raul, Zidane, Batistuta and Ornega, Bergkamp and Salas."
Hey. Pele, you forget someone?

Someone almost as fresb as you were in

"No, I didn't forget," he laughed, "I save the youngest for the end because they really are the future. You should know I think Ronaldo is the best coming player in this World Cup, and I have also a lot of respect for Michael Owen, the boy from England. His speed really makes me want to play again."

The king of soccer, talking his game. Outside on the Champs-Elysee you might not know that soccer existed or that France is alive to the global love affair with the round ball. The Parisians have their windows shuttered against the light of an approaching event. But move just a small distance, to the space in the middle of the elegant grassland down the Avenue Charles de Gaulle.

What is this? Scottish fans in their kilts, barechested but playing ball. It is a fixation with Scottish youths, and infectious. Parisian youngsters watch, and then edge closer and closer until - voila — they are in the game. It happened, too, in other quarters of this aloof, selfcentered city: The Scots, the Brazilians

and now even the French pracocing the lingua franca of kicking a ball.
To the millionaires we shall see Wednesday night and through June into July, I have a simple request: Please think of Pele and his ilk, think of the street players and just do your best to show

Rob Hughes is Sports Correspondent of The Times of London.

public places. Three separate roundups

in the last three months have resulted in

the questioning of nearly 100 people

with ties to Algerian Islamic groups; 19

people have been formally placed under

Far from the stadiums, the authorities

worry about general delinquency. Giant

television screens are being erected in

the low-income suburbs ringing Paris

The intention is to allow disadvant-

officials acknowledge it also means

large gatherings of potentially unruly

to be working overtime during the World Cup. Unfortunately, the police

The judiciary police, a special unit, bas been engaged in a work-to-rule ac-tion since March, and thus will provide

little extra protection to the fans arriving

In addition, pickpockets are expected

what are called the "difficult quarters,"

investigation.

and other game cities.

who catch them will not.

your own worth on the big stage.

Masami Ihari, Japan's captain, tackling Daisuke Ichikawa in training.

CUP: Score One for French Discretion

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World Cup everywhere, losing sleep and screaming themselves hoarse, soc-cer is to France what France is to breakfast. The country produces wonderful players, just as it makes terrific croissants and briocbes. But they are not what the place is about. No one bere has ever succeeded in romanticizing or intellectualizing sport to the point where it fuses with the deepest marrow of naoonal life. In England, Germany, Italy or Brazil,

soccer is a central, sbared experience. To pretend otherwise in France, to put it in an exaggerated emotional context, to expect the French to do the wave in the Metro or to announce goals on the p.a. system in train stations (the Germans did in 1974) would be to turn this World Cup into a fake as tinny as an authende Rolex turned out in a Bangkok sweatshop.

Pockets of passion exist for soccer in Marseille, Lens and St. Etienne, bruised cities where the local teams are repositories of battered local pride. But Paris almost went without a pro representative in the 1970s, and now the ricbest French club team, Paris St. Germain. has turned down the idea of playing its regular season games in the magnificent Stade de France, specially built-for the World Cup, because it fears it can't fill it ooce the tournament boopla vanishes.

Since there is not enough deep fan support to correspond to the international market value of its best players, 13 of France's 22-man Cup roster play for foreign teams, as compared with four on the German squad, three on Italy and oooe on Ei biggest star. Zinedine Zidane, the son of Algerian immigrants, labors abroad, in Italy, as did Platini, another immigrant kid, or before him, Raymond Kopa, a Polisb miner's son who went to Real Madrid to make a buck.

Hardly shameful, France recognizes this with a shrug, and that soccer claims a relatively small piece of its rich fantasy life. L'Equipe even acknowl-edged Tuesday that rickets for the matches were still on sale at a few

reputable travel agencies. Rather than trying to belabor a soccer frame of reference, the organizers of Tuesday night's opening celebradon in Paris turned to what they said was a message of "togetherness and universality" with four 20-meter-high (60-foot-high) robots - looking more like giant Masters of the Universe plasoc toys than swivelhipped midfielders — converging on the Place de la Concorde and its Ob-

elisk, dressed up with quesoonable suc-cess to resemble the World Cup champion's trophy.

All this relative distance to the event has made warnings from the govern-ment and French editorialists about how the country would be disgraced through an Air France strike during the competitioo into a bit of an overdramatized screech. Although the strike is uncomfortable, it has increasingly been met with irony from the French. Andre

seemed to get the mood right in saying: "The idea of a beautiful and generous France that was to be sent to the rest of the world bas been unceremonionsly banished to the bench. So, we're offering the planet a picture of pushers and complainers. At least there's the advantage here that we don't have to strain our talent: we're instant finalists in that

Jezequel, writing from Nevers, in the

heartland, in Le Journal du Centre,

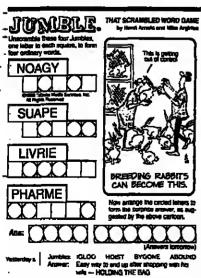
It was much the same tone when the newspaper Le Parisien headed for the streets to ask 26 Parisians, including a guard at the Eiffel Tower, the director at the Moulin Rouge, a priest at Notre Dame and a street artist in Montmartre, now they mought the world Cup would turn out. Not one picked France to win. Rather more gently, a few talked of "boping" or "wanting to see" France get to the finals; others of more business, traffic jams or of a nice blip away from ordinary existence where maybe

something interesting would bappen. All reasonable expectations. In a country where the school curriculum teaches the near-inevitable failure of excess, a World Cup of measured proportions is at hand.

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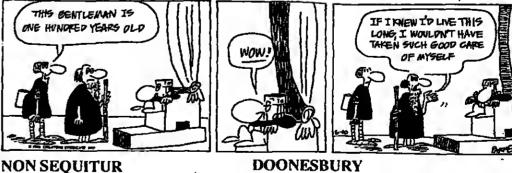


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Pressure Builds on Soccer's Kings

Two French Towns Welcome Brazilians, and a Media Frenzy

William Gildea Washington Post Service

PARIS - The Brazilians, the reigning kings of soccer, know how to live. Lesigny, a bucolic paradise of about 8,000 people not far from Paris, has become temporary home to about 2,000 rabid Brazilian fans and journalists. Lesigny's old order is in disarray, even though the players live above the clashing nationalities, in the Chateau de la Grande Romaine, a white-walled castle set amid 70 acres (28 bectares) of meadow.

At 4:30 on a breezy afternoon it was quiet. All the Brazilians were in Ozoir-La-Ferriere, where the team trains in the municipal stadium at the end of a narrow street of outdoor cafes, flower boxes, and shops decorated in the Brazilian colors of yellow and green. The street was bumperto-humper. Brazilian fans, a trumpeter and a drummer among them, jammed the small stands on the far side of the field, shouting "Dida, Dida," as the reserve goalkeeper walked out for practice.

The shaven-headed Ronaldo and all the other yellow shirts followed and began loosening up at midfield. They put joy into it. Each had a soccer hall which

pionship teams alongside Pele, walked would be just fine. out last; the 66-year-old white-haired Zagallo, coach of Brazil's fabulous 1970 Brazilians. "I would rather win playing champions and second in command of the ugly football than lose playing attractive 1994 championship team, looked now like everyone's grandfather.

loral setting could eventually drive the volved in all four of Brazil's World Cup players crazy, city boys that they are. But at wasn't the source of the stress yel.

gallo must be the peacemaker. On Friday, they interrupted their schedule because Nike, one of the team sponsors, wanted them to dedicate a soccer park in Paris; their bus sat in rush-hour traffic for an hy-play of the champiooship game. hour. Dunga declared that he was ready to

team as "a flock of sheep - when let loose in the field, each one wanders his own way." That is another cause of pressure. Each player wants to play it his way, and back home the fans want to see a team with flair and excitement.

They are not saosfied by Brazil being favored to repeat as champion, begin-ning with Wednesday's tournament opener against Scotland in the new Stude de France in suburban Saint-Denis. Brazilians want their team to play and win like Brazilians. They want them to entertain to the samba beat, play what they call "the beautiful game."

They want the players to abandon the he bounced with head or foot during conservatism of four years ago, when the team under Carlos Alberto Parreira pre-Mario Zagallo, a great left wing on Brazil's 1958 and 1962 World Cup cham-

What Zagallo said last week worries football. Efficiency in football is based on victories. Everyone wants to win and A Brazilian husinessman who spoke I'm no different." A Brazilian journalist

English suggested that the French pas- wrote that Zagallo, who has been invictories, was "losing his mind."

Brazilian photographers aimed cam-Most of the players carry enlarged egos eras at the field of all-stars; reporters scribbled notes. There were 500 media people in all. A Brazilian television station covered the easy practice session live; the announcer, up in the top row of seats, sounded as if he were doing play-Bebeto and Dunga, both 34, and

go home — to Brazil, not to Lesigny.

A Brazilian newspaper described the farel, both 32, are the senior citizens of the team. Bebeto won American hearts when he

rocked the cradle" after scoring a goal in 1994. His wife had just given birth, and after he put the ball into the ner he turned sharply, stopped and mimicked rocking a hahy. Ever since, Bebeto had said he would make another World Cup team, but few believed him. While he walked off Brazil's national team in 1991 and has had his share of pouts, Bebeto is one of the more sensible Brazilian players. With Romario out, Zagallo's choice to team with Ronaldo up front, at least for now, is Bebeto.

Lens



Ronaldo, twice winner of the Player of the Year award, working out Tuesday at the Stade de France in Saint-Denis, where Brazil meets Scotland on Wednesday.

Wednesday's Matches

International Herald Tribune Brazil vs. Scotland, Stade de Fraoce, 5:30 P.M. The defending champion kicks off the tournament against a fa-

miliar opponent. Scotland was one of the original powers in soccer. It played the first international. against England, 126 years ago, but it has never advanced past the group stage of the World Cup and will start as

the underdog. Scotland has been thwarted three times by Brazil in the World Cup. In 1974 in Germany, the learns drew 0-0 but Brazil advanced on goal difference. In 1982, in Spain, David Narey gave Scotland the lead, but Brazil won, 4-1. Scotland was pushed out of secood place in the group oo goal difference by Russia. In 1990, in Italy, Brazil won, 1-0. That, combined with a loss to Costa Rica, eliminated Scotland. Indeed, the Scots as it was in 1986 in Mexico, often play well against when it topped its group to powerful opponents only to fall against weaker teams.

MATCHES

Yugoslavia

Bebeto, a World Cup winner four years ago, will come in as Ronaldo's attacking partner.

Scotland will counter with organization and effort, marshaled by Colin Hendry, a redoubtable defender. Kevin Gallacher, a speedy striker will probe for weaknesses in Brazil's defense.

Morocco vs. Montpellier, 9 P.M. Two dark borses meet in the deep south of France. Norway overpowered its qualifying group, as it did in 1994 before collapsing when it arrived in the United States. Half the curreot squad was there four years ago and may have learned from the experience.

Tore Andre Flo will lead the attack while his cousin Havard Flo will play in midfield but the third Flo, Tore Andre's brother Jostein, is unlikely to start.

Morocco is the underdog. become the first African team to advance beyond the first Brazil has lost Romario. round.

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Winner B vs. Runner-up D, Lens, 3.30 P.M.

Winner D vs. Runner-up C, St. Denis, 8 P.M.

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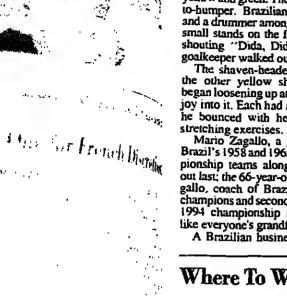
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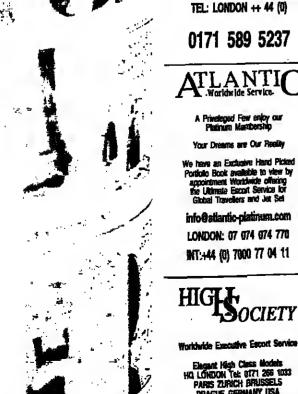


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A Merciful End

By Russell Baker

all out of the whole ordeal:

1. President Bill Clinton ation for putting her in jail. liam Ginsburg, and resigns.

becomes president. - 3. Prosecutor Kenneth Starr agrees not to seek a 15-year prison term for Clinton for lying about his activities with Lewinsky. In a statement to the court, Starr will concede that a pear on NBC's "Today" gentleman must inevitably lie about such matters, but prove that the president of the United not to be a gentleman.

4. Starr will also be per10. On the evening after
mitted to send a stem note Mrs. Clinton's hreakfasthome to Hillary Clinton about show appearance, Starr will her husband's behavior, but appear on David Letterman's only if he can compose such a show and, if asked, will state note for less than \$45 million. his belief that the mysteri-

president's resignation, Starr documents, which Mrs. Clinwill submit a written apology to the public for pretending turned up — amazingly that he was not "out to get enough—in the White House Bill Clinton.

6. This apology will not include, as Clinton's lawyers demanded, an admission that Starr's unctuous behavior on the floor laughing, or offer grievously misled the public Starr a hargain on the Brookabout his personality since, when fooling around after hours, Starr often abandoned pression of sober and sincere his sanctimonious style and told politically incorrect and raucous, if not bawdy, jokes.

7. The public will be asked to contribute to a so-called South Seas Fund, the purpose of which will be to finance construction, on an atoll south of Tahiti, of a \$10 million

ming pool. This will be presen-

ted to Paula Jones as a gift from the nation, with the understanding that if she returns NEW YORK — Here's to America a special prose-how to plea-bargain us cutor will be appointed with power to find legal justific-

concedes that he had consensoal sexual relations with stored to the White House job Monica Lewinsky, as intimat- she held before Clinton people ed by her former lawyer. Wil-transferred ber to the Pentagon. Concurrently with said 2. Vice President Al Gore transfer, she will be provided with a food-taster to accompany ber whenever she dines in the White House mess.

show to say sbe was completely wrong when she said her husband was the victim of States has a constitutional duty "a vast right-wing conspiracy" to destroy him.

10. On the evening after

5. Simultaneously with the ously missing Rose Law Firm ton couldn't find in Arkansas, parlor only because they were transported there from Arkansas by an evil spirit.

tl. Should Letterman roll credulity until Letterman's next commercial break.

t2. All parties agree to sign a declaration of repentance for encumbering the public with squalor, vulgarity and 11th-rate politics and for insisting that their show was not totally inconsequential to the destiny of the republic.

13. Lewinsky agrees never house with sauna and swim- to be beard of again.

Hollywood Digs Out to Restore a Buried Heritage

By Todd S. Purdum New York Times Service

OS ANGELES — To stand in the scarred wold forecourt of Grauman's Egyptian Theater is to sense for a moment how it was when Hollywood began. This is where flashbulbs first popped and fans first turned out for that quintessential Hollywood invention,

the celebrity-studded gala premiere.

And from 1922, when it opened with "Robin Hood," starring Douglas Fairbanks at \$1.50 a ticket, to 1968, when Barbra Streisand hurst onto the screen in "Funny Girl," the Egyptian, like its better-known neighbor down Hollywood Boulevard, the Chinese, was host to the biggest and the best in the husiness, from "Ben Hur" to "My

Fair Lady."
But by 1992, the once-bustling boulevard had devolved toto a dank and undesirable strip of tourist traps, troublemakers and transients, and the Egyptian, by then badly faded, closed its doors. Its cavernous auditorium became an encampment of homeless squatters, who were evicted by the city just before the 1994 Northridge earthquake knocked 20-by-40-foot holes in its hollow clay walls. The wrecking ball threatened.

But now, Hollywood Boulevard is staggering toward a comeback, ready for another close-up as bot new restaurants dot the area and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences makes plans for a 3,300-seat theater and retail complex from which the Oscars ceremony will be broadcast. And the Egyptian, with the phoenix motifs sprinkled throughout its still grand skeleton, is rising from the ashes as well.

The theater is to be the new home of the American Cinematheque, a film preserva-tion group that plans to use it for screenings of classic movies, beginning in December with a grand "re-premiere" of Cecil B. DeMille's 1923 silent version of "The Ten Commandments," which opened at the Egyptian 75 years ago.

And preservationists here hope that the

Egyptian's rise can be a catalyst for renewed attention to other forgotten movie palaces from the film industry and a city "that's really famous for the disregard of its own as Curtis Hanson, the director of

L.A. Confidential," puts it, Though downtown Los Angeles is home



A Pharaonic image oversees some restorative painting at Grauman's Egyptian.

the glitter has been preserved. The well-worn Chinese remains not only a huge tourist attraction, with its forecourt of stars' footprints in concrete, hut also a real first-run theater, packing in crowds for blockbusters like "Titanic." Just across the street, the venerable El Capitan was lovingly renovated by the Walt Disney Co. as a showcase for its

nimated spectaculars.

But in general, this fertile crescent of world filmdom has been strikingly oblivious to the jewels in its midst as the city's elite moved steadily west toward the beach and left the downtown theaters to Spanish-duhbed movies and Hollywood to teenage gangs. That is partly because Hollywood itself has always been about the latest trends, and except for perpetual remakes of its old standbys, its idea history amounts to last year's grosses.

"It's very interesting to me that overall, the entertainment industry is very unaware that these great treasures exist in the city they live in." said Linda Dishman, executive director of the Los Angeles Conservancy, which sponsors an annual monthlong series to a baker's dozen of surviving movie palaces of vintage films in downtown theaters. This of the 1920s, all hat three are shuttered or being used as churches, flea markets and in Theater, still a functioning first-run movie

one case a nightclub. In Hollywood, more of house downtown, with a live stage show and a screening of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers in "Top Hat."

But Dishman and others see the Egyptian's revival as an icon of what is possible. although only a first step, and the Cinematheque as a fitting sponsor.

"The cinematheque is our industry's Getty Museum." said Steve Tisch, the producer of 'Forrest Gump' and a co-chairman of cinematheque's capital campaign for the Egyp-tian. The organization, founded in 1984, has never had a permanent home, and it obtained the Egyptian for \$1 from the city's Community Redevelopment Agency, which had acquired it from its last commercial owner.

As designed 76 years ago by the firm of Meyer & Holler, it was originally planned in Moorish style, as the red tile roof attests. But during construction, archaeologists dis-covered Tutankhamen's tomh in Egypt.

Grauman, who had already made a splash with his omate Million Dollar Theater in downtown Los Angeles and would open his namesake Chinese in 1927, switched course to accommodate the latest cultural fad. An actor dressed as a bearded Bedouin and carrying a spear marched back and forth across the parapet, announcing the next show.

Seed money for the restoration came from \$3 millioo in earthquake insurance and a \$2 million interest-free loan from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. The cinematheque has been thising the rest of roughly \$10 million in costs

through a private campaign.

These days, the forecourt, with its ocher walls painted to look like giant stone blocks, is littered not only with the rubble of bygone days, but also with construction desiris. Newly painted profiles of Isis and Osmis and reliefs of the pharaohs echo the original exterior decoration, and a restaurant with a sidewalk café is planned. Inside, an elaborate a gilded sunburst design oo the ceiling is being

painstakingly restored. The renovation has been complicated by earlier remodelings that destroyed much of the Egyptian's original splendor. In the 1940s and '50s, under the management of the sbowman Michael Todd, the theater entrance was moved forward into the forecourt, creating a glassed-in lohhy but destroying a row

of four giant stucco columns that supported a portico with the feel of a Theban temple.

In preparation for the 'Funny Girl'' premiere in 1968, the massive proscenium arch, with ornate columns and hieroglyphs. was destroyed to install a huge curved screen. The building "had been so contaminated there was hardly anything here," said Craig Hodgetts, a partner in the ar-chitectural firm of Hodgetts & Fung, who is overseeing the restoration. "And it was very clear that the way the theater was set up was inappropriate and inhospitable to modern acoustics and surround sound."

The solution: build a jewel box within the shell of the original. After entering the theater's busk, with its massive fake-stone walls, moviegoers will be surrounded by 100-by-40-foot acoustic plywood panels that will slide into place, enclosing a 650-seat aud-

itorium when the lights go down.

As new steel girders jut up inside the shell and scaffolding rises to the ceiling, it is easy to imagine the splendors to come.

Workers discovered, for example, the original box office windows, which had been covered over in the lobby at one point, and a beautiful original painted ceiling in the men's room that bad been hidden hy a false.

As Christy McAvoy, a principal in the Historic Resources Group, the project's history architect, said, "Every day now brings the building more back to life."

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killed her husband, the comedian Phil Hartman, and then committed suicide. Hartman, the 49-year-old star of television's "NewsRadio" and a former cast member of "Saturday Night Live," had not consumed any illegal drugs, loxicology results showed. He had taken an over-the-counter cold medicine. The reports showed that Brynn Hartman, 40. had a blood-alcohol level of .12 percent, well above the .08 percent legal limit for California drivers. The alcohol and the drugs amplified each other's effects, the authorities said. The bodies of the Hartmans were found May 28 in their suburban Los Angeles home. The police said Mrs. Hartman had shot her sleeping husband several times before shooting herself hours that they was said to the they was said sleeping husband several times before sbooting herself hours that they were going to play in Moscow for the first time.

Israel's transsexual singing sensation, Dana International, turned down an offer to join the Spice Girls to replace Geri Halliwell, the Ma'ariv newspaper in Jerusalem reported Tuesday. Dana International, the winner of this year's Eurovision song contest, received the invitation through ber record company's artistic administrator for a decade beginning in 1969 and was a founder of the Opera Theater of St. Louis in 1976, has been associate general director of the Santa Fe Opera since paoy, Sony, the singer's manager, Ofer Nissim, told the 1995. Crosby, who founded the Santa Fe Opera in 1957, will newspaper. Sony also has a marketing contract with the Spice continue to conduct for the company. Girls, who record for Virgin Records. "We received the offer a few days after Geri Halliwell announced her decision to quit the group." Nissim said. "But for now Dana does not want to do it. We think she bas great career possibilities in Europe and celehrating the 30-year, career of the producer behind such

A LCOHOL, cocaine and a prescription anti-depressant don't see any reason to embark on such a change hy joining a group, even one as successful as the Spice Girls."

The Rolling Stones have been widely criticized in Britain after calling off the British leg of their world tour because of a new tax law. The veteran rockers said they stood to lose £12 million (\$19.6 million) in taxes by going ahead with four British coocerts in August. "If we did the U.K. shows it would

have meant the entire European tour ran at a loss and we just couldn't do that. It would have been foolish," said Mick

Queen Elizabeth II joined celebrities for a gala sbow

megahits as "Cnts," "Phantom of the Opera" and "Les Miserables." Accompanied by her husband, Prince Philip, the queen was entertained by extracts from shows produced in London's West End theater district by Sir Cameron Mack-intosb that went on to conquer the globe, making him one of Britain's most successful theatrical producers. The star-studded cast of "Hey Mr. Producer!" performing for the queen included Julie Andrews, Judi Dench and Elaine Page, who has starred in several musicals.

lceland is expected to become the new home for Keiko, the whale star of the movie "Free Willy" who is now in a pen at an aquarium in Newport, Oregon. A delegation from the Free Willy Keiko Foundation was to meet with Prime Minister David Oddsson, who appeared ready to offer his country as the site for the floating sea pen that would serve as a halfway house before the whale is returned to the opeo sea. The foundation had also scouted out Scotland and Ireland, but Iceland is the top choice because that is where the 20-year-old orca was captured at age 2.

Tom Hanks will be the recipient of the 14th annual American Museum of the Moving Image Salute next year in New York. Previous recipients include James Stewart, Sidney Poitier, Robert De Niro, Steven Spielberg, Martin Scorsese and Dustin Hoffman.



Keiko may be bound for yet another pen, in Iceland.

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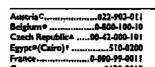
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